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TROOPS SENT INTO DUBLIN

PREMIER CONTENTS THEY HOLD LIBERTY HALL IN HEART OF CITY.

REBELS CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE TELEGRAPH

Exact Status in Rioting City Not Known—Premier Asquith Claims Belfast Troops Are in Control of Several Buildings in the Heart of the City—Secretary Going to Dublin.

London, April 26.—Government troops from Belfast have reached Dublin and occupied St. Stephens and Liberty Hall in the heart of the city, Premier Asquith has announced. Martial law has been declared in the entire country. Secretary Berrell announced he is going to Ireland this afternoon in an effort to stop the revolution.

London, April 26.—Prompt and energetic steps to quell the insurrection in Dublin have been taken. The censor has permitted the United Press to cable this, but it is impossible to send details. The Dublin telegraph is still severed but the best information this morning indicates the rebels still hold a principal part of the city. It is believed serious fighting continues, although the revolt is said to have not spread elsewhere on the island.

Rebels Hold Postoffice. The postoffice is still in possession of the rebels. Newspapers have stated the rebellion was not a surprise and that rumors of the impending revolution were circulated for weeks. Some reports fixed the date of the outbreak on Easter. The Chronicle reported a strong force of rebels a fortnight ago demolished the Hibernian hall at Bresh and damaged homes of Catholics with fusillades of shots.

MORE SPEAKERS ADDED Banquet Tonight to Begin Promptly At 6:30 O'clock

When the annual Commercial club banquet takes up this evening at the Methodist church, the clock will be striking the hour of 6:30. The dinner will be ready to serve piping hot at that hour, and all dinners should be prompt.

Two additional speakers have been added to the after-dinner program. These are John Girdler, superintendent of city schools, and R. J. Clark, of the Y. M. C. A. As this is another opportunity for ladies to participate in civic discussion and consideration, provisions for them had been liberally made and is generously being accepted.

The revised list of speakers for the evening follows: Toastmaster—Fred Currey. Commercial club—J. G. Snodgrass. County Fair—George T. Cochran. Good Roads—Dr. M. K. Hall. "Speed 'Em Up"—George Huntington Currey. Cannery—Rev. Chapman of Elgin. City Schools—John Girdler. Y. M. C. A.—R. J. Clark.

HUMANE CLUB ACTS. Cops Who Molest Spooning to Be Charged with Misconduct.

Pittsburg, April 26.—Here is Police Superintendent Matthews' pronouncement concerning spooning lovers in the Pittsburg public parks: "Any policeman who is so lacking in brains as to disturb any exercise of that kind will be placed on the books. Such an officer would not be humane. 'Yes, sir; you can say for me that spooning goes in the parks. It is in the spring of the year especially that young hearts turn to love and love leads to marriage and happy homes.'"

WOMEN MAKE FAIR SHOWING.

When the May primaries are held in this county, it is presumed that at least 1807 women will exercise their right of suffrage. Figures gleaned from the maze of primary statistics show that Union county women to the number of 1807 registered for the primaries, and hence are registered for all time unless they move their residence. This leaves about 3270 men to fill out the balance of registered strength in the county.

FIGHTING WITH MAJOR TOMPKINS AT PARRAL.



Captain Harry N. Cootes. Captain Thomas F. Ryan. These two brave United States army officers are among those with Major Frank Tompkins at Parral, Mex., where Carranza soldiers attacked troops and killed two.

Banquet Postponed. The Father and Son banquet to have been held at the Y. M. C. A. Friday evening has been postponed indefinitely, and all concerned are reminded of that fact.

FRENCH PLANES BLOCK COURSE

DIRIGIBLES RETURNING FROM ENGLISH RAID FOUGHT

One Battle Fought At High Altitude—New Policy Adopted

Paris, April 26.—French aeroplanes are going to menace the safe return to Germany of Zeppelins that raid England. A French aeroplane this morning attacked a Zeppelin off Zebrugge at an altitude of 13,000 feet and threw nine incendiary shells. The dirigible is believed to have been returning from a raid on England. It soared skyward, and the aviator is believed to have been hurt.

Torpedo Boat Attacked. Simultaneously another aeroplane attacked a German torpedo boat off Ostend. The bomb struck the vessel but the extent of the damage is unknown.

A French aviator downed a fokker at Luneville, and captured the pilot. Apparently French aviators are following a new policy of interrupting returning raiders. A flotilla of aircraft darted toward Zebrugge last night when word came of an attack on England.

Germans pounded Avoucourt road this morning and the surrounding territory saw intense bombardment last night. No important infantry operations occurred close to Verdun the communique stated.

STUDENT UNDER KNIFE.

Miss Ethel Wright Recovers From Anaesthetic Satisfactorily.

Miss Ethel Wright, daughter of J. K. Wright underwent an operation at Corvallis this noon for appendicitis. The attack was a sudden one. Her father spent Easter with her and had gone to Portland on his return when he was recalled to the Corvallis school by the sudden illness of his daughter. That was yesterday. He determined the situation and telegraphed for Mrs. Wright at La Grande who left last evening but likely didn't reach Corvallis until the operation had been performed, as a latter message to La Grande declared Ethel was recovering from the anaesthetic at 12:45 today in a satisfactory manner.

NINE DOLLAR SUGAR A FACT IN LA GRANDE

RECORDS UNHEARD OF IN QUARTER CENTURY ATTAINED TODAY.

HIGHER PRICES MARK BACK TO THE LATE 70S

Nearest Approach in the Past 25 or 30 Years Occurred a Few Years Ago When Sugar was High for a Couple of Days but Rapidly Declined—Higher Price Coming Soon.

When sugar touched the \$9.00 mark today—using the maximum price, that of 30 days' time, as the comparison—La Grande saw sugar prices never attained since the days of very earliest history. True, as far back as the early 60's when the first settler came, sugar was very high in price, and in the late 70's brought 20 cents a pound. But in the last 30 years, if memories of La Grande pioneers interviewed today runneth not in error, sugar has not reached the pinnacle it did this morning. A couple of years ago when sugar was on a rampage, it got to within 10 cents of what it is today, but remained there only three days and then commenced a rapid decline. In contrast to the condition then, dealers look for a 25 cent increase at once, and \$10 quotations soon.

Fred G. Taylor, secretary of the Amalgamated Sugar company, gave a lucid explanation of the unprecedented boost in sugar when in La Grande a couple of days ago from Ogdén. He points out that great quantities—trainloads of it—coming from the Hawaiian Islands are hauled across the United States for European ports whereas that supply formerly was distributed in America. Cuban and Hawaiian sugar now goes to Europe instead of staying home because the great sugar producing districts of Europe are stagnant due to the war—Russia, Germany and France having practically abandoned sugar production. Because sugar is so vital to army life, enormous prices are paid by belligerents for the saccharine material.

With Europe paying any price asked, it follows that Americans must pay accordingly.

Retailer Not Beneficiary.

Contrary to general belief, the merchants of La Grande and elsewhere are not the beneficiaries by the rise. Their margin of profit and loss is the same at all prices. Although, as noted, it is not generally believed, the fact remains that if a grocer buys a sack of sugar from the wholesaler and doesn't pay cash for it, and in return sells the same sack for cash to the retailer he loses one cent on the deal. If he pays cash for the sack to the retailer and sells the sack for cash he makes 25 cents for the handling. If he buys for cash and sells on time he makes 65 cents on the sack, but takes the chances of waiting for his money from the consumer. Much the same condition exists for the wholesaler so that just where and who the beneficiaries are, is not clear, the actual producer probably reaping but a small profit from the bulled market. Should the prices continue high it follows that the producer will in the end be benefited however.

CHICAGO HAS A SCHEME.

Preparedness for Uncle Sam Is Proposed and Urged by Chicagoans.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—Two hundred members of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, headed by Samuel M. Hastings, president, invaded Washington today to play host to Illinois members of the house and senate at a banquet tonight and to present a plan for preparedness. The manufacturers chose this manner of expressing their favor of effective preparation against war, to make it the more impressive, according to John M. Glenn, secretary of the association.

TANKER CAPTAIN JAILED.

Germans Declare That After Being Warned, Ship Opened Fire.

Berlin, April 26.—(Wireless to Sayville)—The British tanker Goldmouth, when warned to halt, fired on a German submarine but the tanker was sunk after a thirty-minute engagement. The ship was struck eight times and one sailor was wounded. The captain was imprisoned on a charge of attacking a submarine. British naval gunners manned the Goldmouth's cannon.

Compromise Bill Is Agreed Upon

Washington, April 26.—As a result of Senator Chamberlain's statements, the House and Senate leaders after a conference today said a compromise military measure will provide for a regular army of 175,000 men. The bill will provide for a smaller federal reserve than Chamberlain intended but will give to the militia all demands—increased pay for officers, and more equipment.

BUSINESS IS MUCH BETTER. So Says A. A. Gust, Veteran Real Estate Dealer.

A. A. Gust, of cattle, at one time a resident and businessman of this city, is in La Grande paying taxes on some property that he still retains ownership to. He said to a reporter for the Observer: "Things are better, very much better. Business is back again and people are making a few dollars now and then on real estate. And by the way, whenever you see real estate flat take it from me there is not much doing in other lines of endeavor. Real estate values in this country act as a barometer on general business."

Mr. Gust says his home city, Seattle, is thriving and growing at a remarkable rate now as compared with a short time back.

Visiting in Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rush and Mrs. F. J. Holmes are visitors in Baker.



Tamrulus, rattlers and gila monsters are more plentiful on the Mexican desert than in water, and when one of Uncle Sam's Villa hunters has to take a bath he must be mighty careful with the water. This member of one of General Pershing's regiments has a single pail for his own use. Nor are there bath houses in the

SOLDIER BATHING ON THE MEXICAN DESERT.



army equipment, nor brush nor trees behind which soldiers may hide. In fact, there is nothing but the sage brush through most of the country the army has traveled, and a sage brush on a dry desert is a stunted plant much too small to hide a husky soldier.

2 SOLDIERS MEET DEATH

RUNNING FIGHT WITH VILLISTAS SATURDAY CAUSES CASUALTIES.

DODD LEADS AMERICANS ON CONSOLIDATED LINES

Three Americans Wounded Before Three-hour Running Fight Is Finished—List of Villistas Killed Said to Reach Six and Nineteen Wounded—Pursuit Continues Late.

Columbus, April 26.—Two American soldiers were killed and several wounded in a battle with Villistas Saturday, today's advices stated. A column under Col. Dodd defeated 300 Villistas in western Chihuahua. The bandits' losses are unknown.

Meager accounts said Villistas have several bands concentrated under four generals. Americans routed them and pursued until nightfall. Many Mexicans are believed to have been killed.

Many Soldiers in Hunt. Namiquipa, April 26.—Several columns are chasing Villistas in different places in mountains where Villa is reported to be hiding. The advanced base has been withdrawn within 300 miles of the border. The shortened line has been completely equipped with munitions and provisions.

Later Reports Come.

Col. Dodd has reported, late this afternoon, that in the fight at Tomahlie Saturday, six Villistas were killed and 19 wounded in a three-hour running fight that continued until after dark. Two Americans were killed and three wounded, he says. He captured 25 horses and other loot scattered by the bandits.

LAST MEETING CALLED.

Central School Parent-Teacher Association to Meet.

Friday afternoon the Parent-Teacher association of the Central school district will hold its regular monthly program. Dr. Margaret Ingle will read a paper on "Hygienic School Inspection" and this will be followed by a general discussion with two members leading.

As this is the last meeting of the season, a large attendance is earnestly desired.

Relative Is Ill. Mrs. Wesley Harrison expects to leave tonight or tomorrow morning for Los Angeles where she has been called by the very critical illness of Dena Striker Marsdair. Mrs. Marsdair formerly lived in La Grande. Word from Los Angeles is to the effect her illness is of a very serious sort.

TAGGART MAY WIN

Hoosiers Gather for Democratic Convention and Boost "Tom"

Indianapolis, April 26.—Thomas Taggart, United States senator by appointment will be forced to accept the nomination for that office today if the demand of delegates to the democratic state convention gathered here today is effective.

If Senator Taggart accepts the nomination, Indiana will present the spectacle of Taggart, the accepted chief of the democratic organization, running against James Eli Watson, former republican whip of the house under Joe Cannon's regime.

The question whether Taggart would accept overshadowed everything else as the convention assembled. The general opinion was that he would, though he has repeatedly said he does not want the nomination.

Should Taggart let it be known that he absolutely will not accept the nomination, Governor Samuel M. Ralston, who appointed Taggart to fill the unexpired term left by the death of Senator Benjamin F. Shively, would be the leading candidate. Taggart and Ralston both have adopted the "let-George-do-it" attitude as regards each other and the candidacy.

Indications were that the convention would follow the lead of the republican state convention and become a "love feast" with the losing candidates insisting that the winners became the unanimous choice.

Senator John W. Kern is the candidate to succeed himself for the long term senatorship against Harry S. New, the republican candidate, John A. M. Adair, present congressman from the Eighth Indiana district, will oppose James P. Goodrich, republican candidate, for governor.

Taggart's wish to stay out of the senatorial contest is said to spring from a dislike for the duties of a senator.

ONE OBNOXIOUS POINT IS PRONG IN GERMAN POLICY

Washington, April 25.—Warning will be issued to Americans to refrain from traveling on certain armed ships when the administration learns that vessels are under mandatory orders of the allied government, it was learned today. The memorandum was issued to forestall Germany asking for the American position on the present methods of submarining.

Berlin, April 26.—President Wilson's stand on submarines in which he requires that freighters be warned before they are attacked, is the most serious obstacle to amicable settlement of the present controversy, the United Press learned on good authority today. It is believed possible to dispose of other points at issue without danger of diplomatic rupture.

Wilson's Version Clear. Washington, April 26.—Belligerents should presume that an armed merchantman is peaceful unless conclusive evidence to the contrary is found, the state department has officially declared.

Merely because an enemy merchantman is armed is held to be insufficient reason for a belligerent to declare it a warship, and attack regardless of rights of persons aboard, the government holds.

These points are announced in a memorandum intended to clear the American position on the general subject of armed ships.

lease, and 20,000 sheep. It is understood that the purchase price was paid in cash.

The patented land is on Junk creek, and the range under lease is on Sucker creek, Idaho. The ranch was formerly known as the Isaac sheep ranch. Taken as a whole the ranches and waterholes control range 20 by 60 miles. The property is regarded as one of the best sheep propositions in the west.

RAIDS AGAIN FATAL.

Several Killed in Raids on English Towns Last 24 Hours.

London, April 26.—Four were killed and 12 wounded in the German raid yesterday it is officially announced. Lowestoft and Yarmouth were shelled, 20 buildings at the former place being destroyed. Zeppelins dropped 100 bombs in the Thames estuary yesterday evening but none was killed.

Will Move to Harney

Mr. and Mrs. George Thacker expect to leave soon for Burns, in Harney county, near which place Mr. Thacker has acquired a homestead. They will make the trip with their auto which has been remodeled for use in traveling of that kind. Mr. Thacker has been an employee of the Palmer Lumber company for a number of years and has resigned his position to become the possessor of a homestead.

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OPERETTA ARRANGED

"Midsummer Eve" To Be Staged At Methodist Church Friday Eve

The operetta "Midsummer Eve" to be presented at the Methodist church Friday evening, April 28th, is drawing much notice. Miss Thelma Leffel, who is directing the operetta part of the entertainment, announces the following numbers during the presentation:

"Officer of the Day" (House)—Henline's Orchestra.

SCENE I

A wood at night. Watch Hill (Kennett)—Henline's Orchestra.

SCENE II

Court of the fairy queen.

"Let Me Love Thee" (Arditi)—Mrs. J. J. Carr.

Winding of the Maypole—Twelve young ladies.

Perfect Day (Bond)—Miss Leffel.

Miss Loraine Staley is pianist for the program.

BIG SHEEP RANCH SOLD.

Hundred and Eighty-five Thousand Reported to Be Price Paid.

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