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CENSOR PUTS BAN ON NEWS FROM IRELAND

"WORST CRISIS SINCE WAR BEGUN" ADMITTED AT LONDON.

SIR MAXWELL LANDS AT POINT HELD A SECRET

Seat of Worst Trouble Lies in Two Counties Just North of Dublin It Is Claimed—Censor's Passage of Estimate of Seriousness Taken as Indicative of Status.

London, April 28.—Lord Maxwell has arrived in Ireland to assume command of troops. His point of landing is secret.

News from Ireland is censored, but the press and public admit that the Irish rebellion is the gravest crisis since the war began.

It is reported the counties of Meath, Louth and nearby points north of Dublin are centers of the rebel activities.

The fact that the censor permitted passage of the statement that the "Irish statement is the bravest situation since the war began" is regarded as indicative of the seriousness of the condition.

BIG GAME TOMORROW.

Baker Y. M. C. A. Volley Ball Stars to Invade City.

Tomorrow evening La Grande will lock basketball horns with Baker when teams from each of the Y. M. C. A.'s will meet on a regulation court here. The admission will be 25 cents and proceeds will go to the new tennis courts. This is a return match with the Baker squad.

U. OF O. COMMENCEMENT.

Head of Stanford University to Deliver Address.

Eugene, Or., April 28.—The tentative program for the commencement exercises of the University of Oregon to be held June 2 to 6, has been announced. Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" will be staged Friday, June 2, by the students of the department of public speaking, as the opening event. The State Alumnae association will meet in Guild Hall Saturday morning at the same time that the Alumni association is meeting in Villard hall. A university dinner will be served on the campus at noon, and the president's reception and the annual baseball game between the faculties of the university and the O. A. C. will be held in the afternoon. The alumni hall will be given Saturday evening at the Eugene armory.

A sacred concert by the glee clubs and the baccalaureate sermon will be the features of the program on Sunday, June 4. On Monday, commencement day proper, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford university, will deliver the address to the graduating class. The afternoon will be given over to the laying of the cornerstone for the school of education building and the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the university. Monday evening the Failing and Beekman prizes for oratory will be awarded.

Commencement week this year will be held ten days ahead of the usual time and will begin on Friday instead of Sunday as previously. This action was taken in order that more students would remain in the city for the exercises than under the old plan. Final examinations, for all students except those in the senior class, will be held after commencement week.

Seeing Famous Picture

Attorney and Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe went to Pendleton this morning to see "The Birth of a Nation" which will be there for the week end. While in Pendleton they will be the guests of friends.

MR. ASHLEY HERE.

Enterprise Man, Republican Candidate, Calls on His Friends.

To survey the political field in a cursory way, Fred S. Ashley of Enterprise is in La Grande today meeting over and calling on friends in the interest of his candidacy for Republican nomination to the office of joint representative from Union and Wallowa counties. He expects to remain for the balance of the week.

Royal Neighbors to Meet.

The Royal Neighbors will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock prompt. The business session will be followed by a social and entertainment and all members are urged to be present for the event.

KENTUCKY BELLE BECOMES A WASHINGTON BELLE.



Mrs. Caleb Powers, wife of the Kentucky Congressman who figured as the principal in the trial for the death of Governor Goebel of Kentucky, who has been a belle in Kentucky, has entered Washington society, and has at once become one of the most popular women in it.

London, April 28.—A German submarine was sunk off England yesterday and the crew of 18 surrendered.

BRITISH WAR VESSEL SUNK 700 RESCUED

VESSEL GOES DOWN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WITH 124 MISSING.

GERMAN U-BOAT IS SENT TO THE BOTTOM

Air and Water Activities Especially Marked Throughout the War Zone—Third Convoy of Russian Troops Reaches Marseilles Amid Military Music and Greetings.

London, April 28.—A German submarine was sunk off England yesterday and the crew of 18 surrendered.

It is announced the British steamer industry was submerged in the Atlantic and that the crew had been left in open boats. The steamer Finland rescued them.

British Battleship Sunk.
The British battleship Russell struck a mine and sank in the Mediterranean but most of the crew were saved. These included Admiral Fremantle, Captain Smith, 22 officers and 676 men the admiralty has announced.

One hundred and twenty-four are still missing, and it is believed they perished. The Russell was of the 14,000 ton class and was built in 1900.

Third Convoy Comes.
Marseilles, April 28.—The third convoy of Russian troops has been landed. They marched the streets to the accompaniment of military music to the outskirts of the city.

Bombs Strike Battleship.
Berlin, April 28.—Three German aeroplanes yesterday dropped bombs on the Russian battleship Slava. There were several hits and resultant fires were observed, it was announced. The aeroplanes returned in safety despite a severe shelling.

Constantinople, April 18.—Turks annihilated 700 British cavalrymen in attacking Quatia, it is announced. They destroyed a larger part of the British fortifications and the entire camp. The survivors fled toward the canal. Avenging the defeat, British aviators Tuesday raided Quatia, dropping 70 bombs. A hospital flying a Geneva Red Cross flag was struck.

Will Week-End in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Happersett leave tonight for Portland to remain with friends over Sunday, returning Monday morning.

Mr. Lilly a Director.

Inadvertently the name of F. L. Lilly was yesterday left off the list of new Commercial club directors.

COMMUNITY CLUB AT ELGIN FORMED

COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION SUCCEEDED BY IT.

North-End People Have Ambitions to Boost Their City and Surrounding Country.

Elgin's businessmen have rehabilitated, revived and refired their Commercial club activities. Concerning a movement with that end in view the Elgin Recorder stated last evening:

After an extended period of inactivity, Elgin businessmen to the number of 25 met in the City Hall last Friday evening, reorganized the Commercial club and are now launching a campaign of improvement that will result beneficially to the entire community.

Although the meeting was called but a few hours previous, the attendance was highly encouraging and men representing every line of business in the town were in attendance and displayed a degree of enthusiasm that bespeaks success for the present organization.

F. E. Smith was selected temporary chairman and Jesse Crum temporary secretary. Several were called upon to express opinions regarding the necessity of re-organization and all forcibly explained the demand for an active body of a commercial and development nature.

Officers Elected.

The first permanent action was the election of officers for the ensuing year and resulted as follows:

President, F. E. Smith; Secretary, L. B. Tuttle; Treasurer, R. L. Shoemaker.

While the re-organization was conducted under the name of the Elgin Commercial club that name was only adopted temporarily and last night the organization was permanently named the Elgin Community club.

A unanimous sentiment prevailed to get as far away as possible from the old style Commercial club and make the organization a community affair, with the idea in view of working not for the business interests of Elgin alone but for the improvement and upbuilding of the community as a whole. With this idea in view every farmer is being asked to join in the movement and co-operate in the work to be outlined.

One of the many things to be considered will be an improved condition of county roads in this end of the county and a great deal of effort will be exerted along that line.

The first regular session of the club was held last evening in connection with a dinner in the dining room of the Sommer hotel and was attended by approximately 30 members and guests.

After enjoying an excellent meal, in which chicken formed a goodly portion of the menu, a series of impromptu talks were given by President Smith, J. A. Masterson, Rev. H. L. Willis, Robert Blumenstein and others, with the necessity of organization and good roads as the principal topics, and some exceptionally good points were brought out.

The keynote in the matter of organization was the necessity of making farmers members of the club to bring about increased co-operation and every effort will be made between now and the date of next meeting to secure the membership of many of the local farm owners.

AMERICANS IN BERLIN URGED TO KEEP QUIET

POLICE RECOMMENDS ALL STAY INDOORS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE DURING CRISIS

EMBARRASSMENT FOR THOSE IN PUBLIC REPORTED

Embassy Attaches Have Ceased Packing Their Trunks Preliminary to Prompt Flight, and Danger of Break Grows More Remote Says Correspondent—Gerard at Palace.

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD.
The Hague, April 28.—Positive assurances have reached Ambassador Gerard that there will be no diplomatic rupture at present between Germany and America it is learned reliably today.

Attaches Are Packed.
Attaches at the American embassy in Berlin Saturday began packing their baggage. By Wednesday there had not been revealed assurances which justified abandonment of preparations for departure, but by Thursday the baggage-packing fever subsided. The American colony at Berlin learned yesterday there is no prospect for an early break.

May Fifth is Mentioned.
Messages to Dutch businessmen say today the crisis has apparently passed. Should a break come, it will not be before May fifth. There is no reason given for fixing this date.

Americans Embarrassed.
Since the President's last note Americans appearing on the streets have been made to feel uncomfortable. Most of them remain indoors on advice of the police.

Gerard Calls on Kaiser.
Berlin, April 28.—Ambassador Gerard is due to confer with Kaiser Wilhelm this afternoon for a final conference preceding final draft of the reply to President Wilson's note.

Auto Troubles Annoy.
Mr. and Mrs. Truller of Sherry's theatre started for Baker in their automobile to see "The Birth of a Nation" but met up with auto troubles at Union and deferred their journey, returning after about three hours tussle with the garage crew.

NO ACTION TAKEN.
South Fourth Street Matter Again Put Off One Day.

Because attorneys in the case were not ready to give the matter final consideration, the South Fourth street hearings before the City Commission were again postponed last evening, until tonight.

It is believed that the commission will be in shape to pass down a final adjustment on the disbursement of costs on that property, along somewhat similar lines to that decided upon in the North Second street dispute. This final adjustment on the part of the city was to have been handed down last evening but action was delayed.

Fireman Loses Both Legs.
Centralia, Wash., April 27.—Grover Myers, a fireman employed on the logging road of the N. & M. Lumber Co., at Rochester, is confined at a local hospital with both legs severed, as the result of an accident on Tuesday. Myers and his engineer stopped their engine on an incline and crawled under it to do some repair work. The air leaked and the engine started. The engineer managed to crawl out but the wheels passed over both of Myers' legs, severing them between ankle and knee. In addition his right leg was broken above the knee.

Pension for Widow and Children.
Salem, Or., April 27.—The State Industrial Accident commission has set aside a pension of \$8659.72 for the benefit of the widow and two children of James Bell, of Clatskanie, killed while in the employment of the Western Oregon Lumber company.

New Corporations Named.
Salem, Or., April 27.—Articles of incorporation have been filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulerman by the Umpqua Zinc Mining company of Portland and the Auto Touring Bureau of Oregon, also of Portland. The capital of the former is \$10,000 and that of the latter \$100.

OBREGON ARRIVES AT JUAREZ

Whole City Turns Out to Greet Arrival of the Glittering Staff.

Obregon Will Demand Withdrawal

El Paso, April 28.—The entire city of Juarez turned out today to meet Obregon, the Carranza envoy, and his glittering staff as they arrived to hold conference with General Scott, chief of the American staff. Two hundred of the finest Mexican soldiers seen in years are Obregon's personal body guard.

Troops lined the streets and military bands played. Generals Trevino, Gutierrez, Mayor Herrera of Parral and minor officials accompanied him. Little cheering was heard and the crowds indicated more curiosity than enthusiasm.

Reports of increasing feebleness of Carranza's hold on Mexico have been revived by evidence of depreciation of currency and threatened famine.

The result of the conference is expected to be an agreement for the expedition to remain until Carranza captures Villa and pacifies the border

territory. The first session probably will be held at Juarez to satisfy Mexican pride and the remainder at El Paso.

Sympathizers at Work.

Namiquipa, April 28.—Villa sympathizers are actively trying to arouse natives against American expedition. A San Antonio advanced base wireless said today. It said two trainloads of Carranzistas had passed en route to Cusiuhuirachic and Santomas to reinforce garrisons ostensibly to quell Villista outbursts.

Obregon Is Boastful.

Juarez, April 28.—"I will demand withdrawal of American troops from Mexico in the conference with Scott and Funston," Obregon told the United Press today. He has established headquarters in the custom house room where W. H. Taft as President met Diaz.

HINT AT PROBE HALTS FLOOD OF TELEGRAMS

Washington, April 28.—A hundred and fifty thousand peace telegrams flooded congress this week demanding there be no break of diplomatic relations with Germany. Messages are still coming, though numbers are lessening. It is estimated it cost a quarter million. Senator Husting today desires to know who ordered telegrams stopped immediately after he suggested a probe as to source of the funds.

Shortly after San Francisco reported 10,000 such telegrams, the senders suddenly ordered them cancelled.

Telegrams Cause Debate.

Washington, April 27.—Investigation of the flood of telegrams pouring in upon senators and congressmen concerning the German-American situation was demanded in the senate today by Senator Husting of Wisconsin. He charged the messages are being inspired from a central source.

"There is a deep-laid plot," declared Husting, "to poison the minds of the people into the belief that President Wilson wants war."

"We ought to conduct a careful inquiry to ascertain who is furnishing the money to put this foul stuff into the mouths of the people."

"True, the question is whether Ger-

many is going to yield or not," Husting continued. "Yet at an hour like this the spectacle of 500,000 citizens sending telegrams to congress telling us that the United States is wrong and Germany right calls for action. It is time the government took hold of these telegrams and followed them to their poisonous source."

Senator Works of California took issue with Husting, saying:

"I am astonished that a member of this body should make such a speech. This is no time to bring such matters before the senate."

CUTS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST.

Changes in Wages and Salaries of City Employees Save \$20.

The resolution passed by the City Commission Wednesday evening becomes effective June 1st, and raises the salary of the chief of police and cuts those of the manager and intake caretaker, making a saving to the city of \$20.00 per month. A typographical error yesterday made the saving read \$10.00 when it manifestly should have been \$20.00.

STARS OF THE GERMAN AVIATION CORPS.



Lieutenant Boelcke.

Lieutenant Immelmann.

Each of these two has defeated thirteen aeroplanes of the allies, and destroyed them. Both men wear the iron cross and other decorations of the German army. They are heroes in Germany, and though both are young men their names are household words.