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PEACE RUMORS SUDDENLY REVIVED AGAIN

LATEST PHOTO OF JUSTICE HUGHES.

SUBMARINES DISPOSED OF

GENERALLY CONSIDERED ISSUE NEEDS NO ANSWER FROM PRESIDENT.

TIME FOR PROPOSITION OF PEACE MAY BE HERE

Berlin Story Intimates Offers of Peace Negotiations from President Wilson Would Be Welcomed in European Capitals—Peace Theme Before Envoy Gerard.

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.
Berlin, May 6.—American circles today pointed to the importance of the peace feature contained in the German reply. They expressed the belief President Wilson has a great opportunity to bring the war to an early end. Some suggested the time is ripe for Colonel House to again visit European capitals.

Bank Statements Called.
Washington, May 6.—The comptroller of currency has called for a statement of the condition of National banks at close of business May 1st.

Washington, May 6.—The submarine issue is closed. President Wilson's advisers believed the White House has not commented on it. Officials in touch with the situation considered the issue so completely closed the President won't reply. Secretary of State Lansing may issue a statement calling the attention of the essential point that Germany has ordered submarine activities confined to warships. It is believed the issue will remain closed and Germany won't reopen it by resuming her undersea warfare against merchantmen.

Gerard Heard Peace Talk.
Officials to day saw danger only in that submarine commanders may perhaps be difficult to control.

The official text of the reply has been received.

President Wilson is formulating a decision.

The conference between the Kaiser and Ambassador Gerard has suddenly loomed large. It was believed details of the submarine issue were seriously discussed. Since the arrival of the reply it is strongly believed peace talk was a prominent part of the conference.

Time May Be Ripe.
Several persons near the President believed he should tentatively approach the belligerents on a question of possible peace.

Monsieur Gonzano, the apostolic delegate called at the White House on a secret mission. Later it was learned he called in the interest of peace at the request of the pope. He conferred with Secretary Tumulty.

POLICE RAID STORE.

Explosives Dodged in Time to Save the Policemen.

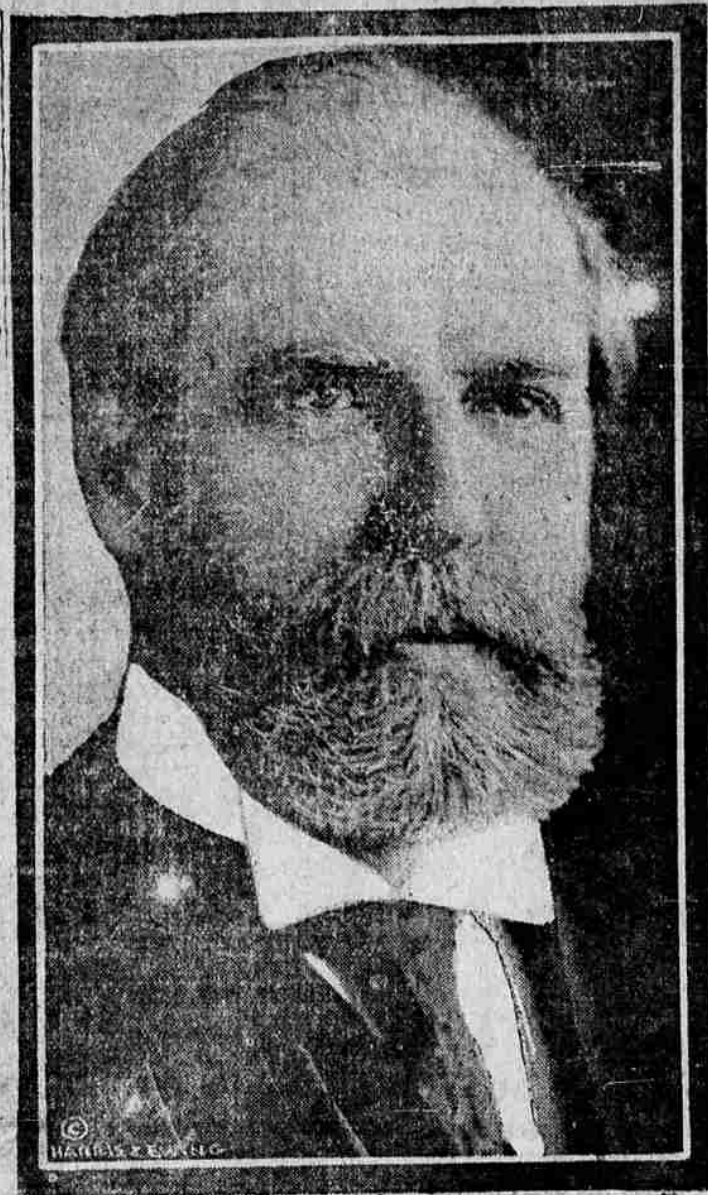
Seattle, May 6.—Police Carrie Nation squads today wrecked a drug store and discovered enough nitroglycerine to blow them and the building to atoms. A chemist accompanied the squad and identified the explosives before the wreckers smashed it. A search of three basements revealed large quantities of liquor.

Mrs. Emma Bayliss Buried.

La Fayette, Or., May 6.—The funeral of Mrs. Emma Bayliss was held in the Evangelical church at La Fayette on Wednesday afternoon. She was born in Germany in 1873 and came to the United States with her parents at the age of five years. She was married to Dan Bayliss in 1894 and died at her home three miles north of La Fayette May 2, 1916, aged 43 years, 3 months and 12 days. She is survived by her husband, four sons and one daughter. Interment was in L. O. O. F. cemetery.

Meacham Lady Dead

The funeral of Mrs. G. D. Hilyard of Meacham, who died Wednesday afternoon was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Folsom chapel, Rev. C. A. Hodshire of the Methodist church conducting the services. Mrs. Hilyard was 61 years old and had been a resident of Umatilla county for 28 years. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Bailey Ross, postmistress of Meacham; Mary Hilyard, Ruby Hilyard, Leo R. Hilyard, William Hilyard of Meacham, Mrs. T. C. Lowry, Mrs. Ernheart, Charles Hilyard of Seattle, Wash., and George Hilyard of Telocaset.—Pendleton East Oregonian.



HENRY FORD IS SUIT PLAINTIFF

NAVY LEAGUE SEEKS VINDICATION BY LAW.

Hundred Thousand-dollar Suit Is Brought Against Detroit Man.

Washington, May 6.—The Navy league today sued Henry Ford for \$100,000, charging he published advertisements of a libelous and defamatory character about the league.

The league based its libel charge on statements that it is spending huge sums to tell Americans it was organized in defense of the country whereas it is preaching fear to get ammunition contracts. It is alleged by Ford treason was masked in patriotism.

Miss Bragg Returns.

Miss Zoe Bragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bragg is home from Redlands where she has been spending the winter. This is her first trip home since last summer when the Bragg family went to the fair. She will spend her vacation here.

Ample Water Supply for Two Coos Bay Cities.

Marshfield, Or., May 5.—High up on Porter hill in North Bend stands a new 250,000 gallon emergency tank, just completed. In a test on Wednesday for half an hour, the tank supplied all water to both North Bend and Marshfield, under pressure of 82 and 75 pounds respectively, thus demonstrating that in case of serious fires, all other sources of water supply could be turned off without curtailing the force.

High School Principal Is Named.

Hood River, Or., May 5.—The city school board has appointed J. W. Crites, formerly a teacher in the local high school who has spent the past year at Coquille as principal of the high school, to take the position of principal of the Hood River high school the coming year. J. O. McLaughlin was re-appointed city school superintendent. The board has not yet appointed the other members of the faculty.

Editor Held Not Guilty by Jury.

Albany, Or., May 6.—The jury in the circuit court here last night acquitted E. M. Reagan, editor of the Albany Herald, of the charge of criminal libel, after being out but a few minutes. The charge was made by ex-Police Chief A. Austin and ex-Police Officer Griff King and was based on an editorial criticizing the two officers last December.

BLIZZARD IS MEET NEMESIS

SUNSET CONTEST ONLY POSSIBILITY.

L. D. S. People Have Afternoon Marred by Severe Weather.

In a pinch a football game might have been called at 1 o'clock this afternoon but as for braving the blizzard in trunks, there was no chance. Hence the first annual dual meet between Baker and La Grande highs is very apt to go by the boards. It is just possible that should the weather favor it at 3 o'clock or later, the contestants might venture out. It is also quite likely that the annual L. D. S. meet, booked for 3 o'clock, will be postponed or called off. At 2:30 Coaches Reynolds and Williams, who brought the Baker squad of 18 to town, had few hopes of seeing a meet today. Dangers of sending the squads out in truck suits in rigorous snowstorms were full well realized.

A sudden clearing of the weather and a little sunshine by a late hour might see a sunset meet, but it is doubtful.

As the afternoon wore on flurries of snow rolled off the hills, and the score of gallons or so of ice cream sent to the city park for the L. D. S. people very probably went abeying.

In South La Grande several trees were blown over during the noon hour when the gale was at its height. Following the windstorm came rain and snow flakes.

Coach Williams, he of football fame, brought in the following squad this morning, and to all appearances will march them home again without trying their mettle tested:

100 yard dash, Francis, Gorman and Harding; half mile, Coyne and Boyer; high hurdles, Keown, Osborne and Brown; 440 yard dash, Landreth, Harding and Payton; 50 yard dash, Francis, Gorman and Harding; mile run, Wyatt, Boyer and Coyne; 220 yard dash, Gorman, Landreth and Francis; low hurdles, Brown, Keown and Fosbury; pole vault, Osborn, Keown, Waltz and Paulson; discus, Landreth, Gorman and Payton; javelin, Williams, Gardner and Fosbury; high jump, Francis, Torrier and Keown; broad jump, Francis, Landreth and Gardiner; shot put, Francis, Landreth and Harding; relay, Francis, Landreth, Gorman and Harding.

It blew and it blew, and it rained some, but that didn't entirely mar the annual L. D. S. field day which took up at the city park at an early hour this morning. The entire day is taken up with contests of various sorts, swinging to the fair grounds, if weather permits late this afternoon for the field meet, and back to Rex hall tonight.

FRENCH QUIT STRONGHOLD

KEY TO NORTHWEST OF VERDUN CAPTURED AFTER CRUSHING BLOWS.

TRENCHES BLOWN TO BITS BY FRENCH GERMAN GUNS

Most Violent Attack Since the Verdun Struggle Began Started Yesterday Continued Through the Night and Is Still Underway Today—Summit Trenches Safe.

Paris, May 6.—French were forced to evacuate trenches on the Northern Slope of Hill 304, the Keystone position to the Northwest of Verdun under the most violent attack there since the battle of Verdun began, it is officially admitted. Troops fought desperately yesterday, and throughout the night and were still fighting when the statement was issued.

Preceding the advance, massed batteries of big guns blasted the French trenches to debris. A rain of gas projectiles followed, suffocating the survivors who clung to the wreckage. A part of the trenches were pounded to utter ruin and being considered untenable, were evacuated.

Elsewhere the French batteries on Summit Hill checked the attempted advances. Last night Germans determinedly attacked positions on North Hill and succeeded in crossing the area between the trenches, reaching French pits in the woods, they were repulsed after a bloody and close fighting.

Fresh German divisions participated in the assault. They suffered crushing losses.

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EIKS ENJOY UNION.

Visit Is Replete with Plenty of Good Fun in Spite of Rain.

A score or more of auto loads went to Union last evening with the Eiks band and "The Barrier" troupe. In spite of the rain the event was a big social and financial success. The band behaved its best, and though it rained hard on some of those who were with the caravan, the program was a whole was a big success. "The Barrier" went good, the visitors state, and all praise Union's hospitality. The proceeds went jointly to the La Grande band and the Union stock show.

Hotel at Ashland To Be Opened.

Ashland, Or., May 6.—The Hotel Oregon here will be formally dedicated with an "open house" and big banquet on next Tuesday evening, following a remodeling, at a cost of \$20,000. The Ashland Commercial club and other civic organizations are co-operating in formulating plans to make the opening affair a gala event. Prominent Southern Pacific officials and state officials have been invited to attend.

Conditional Pardons for Thieves

Salem, Or., May 5.—Conditional pardons were issued today by Governor W. W. Heinecke, to Raymond Tilbury and Robert Ward, two Portland boys, who stole an automobile at Corvallis and rode to Southern Oregon. The former is 20 and was pardoned to Mrs. Leonore Peterson, and the latter, aged 19, was pardoned to Mrs. W. E. More. Both women are Portland residents.

Well Boring Completed.

R. A. West, the well driller, has just completed the sinking of two wells for water supply for household purposes and stock—one on the farm of John Schroeder, east of Island City, and the other for Arthur Mulholland, near Ladd Canyon. These two wells are down about a hundred feet and furnish an abundance of water. Work has commenced on the sinking of a well for George Powell near the La Grande Flouring mill.

ELOPERS ARRESTED BY BAKER POLICE

DISPUTES AIRD IN LA GRANDE DURING WEEK

Police Here Hear Charges and Counter Charges—Went to Baker From Here

Baker, May 6.—On complaint of Henry Ford (not of Detroit), Chief of Police Jackson yesterday arrested Mrs. Ford and Wm. Rogers, with whom Ford claims his wife eloped. They came here from Austin and were located by the husband night before last. The two prisoners were turned over to the county authorities and are in the county jail pending a hearing, probably tomorrow.

Prior to the arrest in Baker Mrs. Ford and Rogers were in La Grande. Their various stories were told the police, Mrs. Ford saying she was Mrs. Ford and Mr. Rogers contending she was his wife. Their dispute interested the police here for a while and when Ford left for Baker a few days ago to accept a position, Mrs. Ford soon followed him. It was generally understood here that an arrest would be made in Baker.

Union Graduating Class Ready.

Following are names of the High School graduates, Union school, for the present year: Boys—Mark Crouter, Kenneth Ford, Earl Jones, Curtis Miller, Mark Phy, Dale Schird. Girls—Alpha Busick, Mary Birmingham, Emma Crego, Pauline Combes, Emma Dearing, Hazel Greenwood, Lillie Lewin, Zylpha Skiff, Ruth Woodruff.

This is one of the largest lists of graduates yet sent out from the Union schools and extensive preparations are being made for the event.—Union Republican.

A Bunch of Boosters.

Union was honored Wednesday night by the presence of John Wells, A. R. Hunter, W. C. Ledbetter, T. B. Johnson and Floyd McKennon, from across the valley, who came to attend the regular stock show meeting that night, says the Union Republican. They gave some good practical ideas and showed the true co-operative spirit as to the show. They will be here with exhibits and good will.

EIGHT REVOLT LEADERS DEAD

JOHN M'BRIDE LATEST TO BE EXECUTED.

Two Others Sentenced to Death Have Escaped Death.

Dublin, May 6.—John McBride, a Sinn Fein leader, has been executed, it is officially announced. This is the eighth execution. Two others were condemned to die but sentences were commuted to life imprisonment.

\$200 MORE NEEDED.

Retiring Secretary Can Clean Up Financial Y. M. C. A. Obligations.

If subscribers to the Y. M. C. A. will pay in \$200 of their subscriptions between now and June 1st, Retiring Secretary Roy Clark will be able to leave the institution clear of all its current obligations. During the past few weeks subscriptions have lagged a little.

"I am awfully anxious to have all current obligations met before I leave," said Mr. Clark today. "The new man is entitled to a clean slate, and if the subscribers will each pay a part at least of their subscriptions promptly, this can be accomplished nicely."

EXAM BOARD WORKS

Eighth Grade Examinations Being Perused by the Board Today.

Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Miss Bork and Miss Janet Jones are today inspecting the uniform eighth-grade examinations written Thursday and Friday throughout the county. Similar examinations were held in the state at large. The exact number of Union county applicants has not been determined.

Angler Is Menaced by Bobcat.

Hood River, Or., May 5.—While fishing on a remote portion of the east fork of the Hood river, J. H. Fredrick, local agent of the O.-W. R. & N. Co., was attacked by a huge bobcat. The animal had evidently been lying asleep in the sun, when it was aroused by Mr. Fredrick making casts for trout.

"I was attracted by the cat's hisses as I cast my fly," said Mr. Fredrick. "Thinking the animal would make no attack, I continued my fishing, when suddenly it leaped at my feet, spitting and snarling, apparently ready to spring on me." Mr. Fredrick backed away from the pursuing cat, which was finally frightened off by L. J. Butterfield and Geo. H. Lynn, other fishermen.

42 BANDITS MEET DEATH

GENERAL HOWSE ROUTES A DETACHMENT WITHOUT LOSING ANY MEN

ATTACK CLIMAX TO AN ALL-NIGHT MANEUVER

Number of Mexicans Slain is 42 But Wounded Not Listed—Attack Was a Surprise After Hard March—Fugitives Flee to Mountains and Are Badly Scattered.

San Antonio, May 6.—A detachment of the eleventh cavalry, under Major Howse, killed 42 Villistas in a fight yesterday at Ojozules, Howse has reported to General Pershing. There were no casualties among Americans. Mexican survivors have scattered. Howse described Villistas as a large force under General Dominguez and Acosta. He didn't estimate the number of Mexicans wounded.

The battle followed a night march and an early attack, and the severe fighting ended only when the Mexicans fled to the mountains. Howse had trailed the bandits since Wednesday and surprised them. The remainder of the force Col. Dodd routed at Tamaulic. They reassembled sooner than was believed possible. The route was complete and it is not believed they will be able to gather again for several weeks.

PLAY BIG SUCCESS

Students Rewarded for Efforts by Big Cash Remuneration.

The annual Senior play given in the high school auditorium was one of the best ever given by high school students here.

The acting of the whole cast was splendid and each member carried out his part sympathetically.

Martin Schofield, as Celia, was charming. The whole play centered around her acting, which was the life of the performance. Her facial expression, and her ability to control her emotions were excellent for an amateur performer.

Walter Bean, as Colonel Smith, played his part with professional skill.

Lucille Pierce, in the part of Aunt Ida, showed great versatility in the handling of her difficult role, of an excitable old lady. In the last scene, especially, she showed herself an adept in the art of acting.

Guy Davis, as Robert Tarver, acted the part of an empty-headed young English dude to perfection. He threw himself into the part with a vim.

Mabel Oesterling, as Phyllis, was very vivacious and natural and well fitted for the youngest sister of the Faraday family.

Helen Pierce, as Evelyn, and Mildred Oliver, as Madge, displayed unusual talent as fashionable young society women.

Otis Palmer, as Mr. Faraday, displayed a genuine fatherly concern in regard to the marriage of Celia. He exactly fitted his part.

Leslie Thompson, as Admiral Grice, was as tactless, blunt, and comical as one would expect an old sea-faring man to be.

Fred Moenkhouse, portrayed the part of the dignified old family servant to perfection.

Moody Eckley, as Henry Steele, and Arthur Huff, as James Raleigh, did their parts well.

Much credit is due Miss MacMillan, the coach, for the smoothness of the performance.

Financially, the play was a great success, over one hundred dollars being cleared. This fund is to aid the "Mimir" school paper.

TEACHERS' COMMITTEE NAMED

Oregon Commission Will Investigate Teachers' Retirement

For the purpose of investigating teachers' retirement funds in other states, and applying them, if possible to Oregon, a commission has been named by the president of the Oregon Teachers' Association to do this work, and the first conference will be held in the early summer, probably in Portland.

Union county is recognized on the committee which is announced as follows:

President W. T. Foster of Reed college; State Superintendent J. A. Churchill; Viola Ortschild, Portland; President J. H. Ackerman, Oregon normal at Monmouth; Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, school superintendent of Union county; J. G. Imel, Astoria; Winifred Dennis, a Portland teacher; O. C. Brown of Roseburg and Fay Clark of Vale.