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NO TRACE OF ROANOKE'S 47 PEOPLE FOUND

STEAMER COVERS SCENE OF PACIFIC HORROR BUT HAS NO FURTHER NEWS

ONE LIFEBOAT NOT ACCOUNTED FOR YET

Two Known To Have Been Swamped at Ship's Side, One With Three Living Lands and Two Others Still Missing—Wireless from Sea Fails to Bring Information to Light.

Port San Luis, Cal., May 11.—While patrols are watching breakers for bodies of 47 believed to have been drowned in the Roanoke disaster, a wireless from the steamer Lansing said to have gone over the scene of the horror, found no trace of survivors. The Lansing left the scene this morning.

Rumors that another lifeboat containing a single corpse had been found, is unsubstantiated and discredited. As far as known the only ones to escape death are Joseph Elf, quartermaster, and two Mexicans, who drifted ashore with five dead bodies in their lifeboat last night. The Mexicans are unable to talk, but Elf said today two lifeboats were swamped while leaving the sinking ship. Two others remain unaccounted for.

Details Come to Light.
Manuel Lopez had recovered sufficiently to tell his story this afternoon. He declared the crew on the Roanoke was inexperienced and the cargo badly loaded. The crew protested to the captain and begged the skipper to not take his wife on the voyage. He asserted the Roanoke began to list heavily hours before she finally sank. She attempted to wireless for help but the radio was found to be damaged. Signals were hoisted but ships didn't see them.

Life boats caught in the davits and capsized.
Five floated and two swamped. The two missing boats contained only John Dennis, the second officer. Quartermaster Elf said he first entered a lifeboat which swamped because of poor handling but he swam to a floating plank and later was picked up.

Only Woman Drowns
San Luis Obispo, Cal., May 11.—The steamer Roanoke, which left San Francisco at midnight May 8, for Valparaiso, foundered at sea 100 miles south of San Francisco, according to a story told by three survivors, who drifted ashore here today in a lifeboat with the dead bodies of five shipmates.

The Roanoke carried a crew of 50 men but no passengers. Survivors said the disaster occurred at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Captain Dickson and wife, the only woman aboard, were drowned. Mrs. Dickson fell overboard when the steamer began to capsize. The captain plunged in after her and neither were seen again.

MRS. MOORE TO SING
Baker Lady To Be Heard in Recital in La Grande Next Week

Mrs. Eugene Moore, well known club woman and much-admired vocalist of Baker, is coming to La Grande to render a recital next week. She comes Wednesday, May 17, under auspices of the Neighborhood club and will sing at the club rooms in the Library building.

Mrs. Moore is one of Baker's foremost musicians and La Grande people who know her declare she has rare talents and welcome the opportunity to hear her.

Appointee at Sumpter Protested.

Sumpter May 11.—The Sumpter Wilson club has protested to the county court the appointment of T. S. Donohoe as justice of the peace at this place, he being recently named to fill the office made vacant by the departure from the state of John Spill, who held the job in the mining town for some time. The club protests the appointment on several grounds, chief of which is the allegation that the appointee is not legally qualified for the reason that he has not been a resident of Sumpter the length of time required by statute.

The letter to the court, signed by the club secretary, Don L. Willard, asks the court for the right to name the appointee, guaranteeing a satisfactory choice. The court did not act on the petition yesterday, but Judge Messick suggested it be proposed that the matter go over to election, when the Sumpter people can name candidates and choose an official.

REGULARS WILL PASS LA GRANDE

TWO SPECIAL TRAINS DUE HERE THIS EVENING.

Fort Lawton Forces Are to Hurry to Border—800 Men and 11 Officers in Expedition.

Portland, May 11.—(Special)—Eight men and 11 officers, removed from Fort Lawton, near Seattle, for duty at the border and in Mexico, traveling in two special trains, left Portland today over the O.W. They will arrive in La Grande about 10 o'clock tonight bound for the front.

The order removing Fort Lawton troops came a couple of days ago when the militia of Southern states were called out, and scattered forces in various remote barracks were ordered mobilized on the front.

The sounding of bugles in Portland today lent an air of military fever to the city, and the Mexican troubles were thereby brought nearer to the west. This force of men takes practically all the men at Fort Lawton.

The expedition is traveling in tourist and Pullman sleepers.

DELINQUENT SALES LIKELY.

Batch of About 15 Parcels Put Up for Consideration Last Night.

About \$800 worth of delinquent assessments for paving sidewalks and sewers, involving some 15 different parcels of property, will likely be put on sale soon by the city. The details of the forced sale were discussed by the city commission last evening.

WM. PEARE CHOSEN.

Secretaryship of State Board Won by La Grande Optometrist.

After being appointed to the State Board of Optometry, by Governor Withycombe, William M. Peare, a La Grande optician, was honored with election to the office of secretary when the board convened at Corvallis this week. He returned last night from the meeting. The secretaryship of the board is something of a political plum and was spiritedly sought by the other members of the board. D. Chambers of Portland was elected president. Dr. Curtis of Corvallis is vice president. The first examination under the new board will be held in June, in Portland. Mr. Peare will find it necessary to cover considerable portions of the state in administering his several important duties in connection with the post to which he has been elected.

STUDENTS RETURNING.

Two Convalescent Patients Expected Home During Week-end.

That Miss Ethel Wright and Lyle Kiddle of this city and Island City respectively, who both underwent operations for appendicitis recently at Corvallis are expected home by the week-end is the word brought from the college campus by Willie Peare who saw both of them there this week. Mr. Kiddle, like Miss Wright, is rapidly improving from the ill effects of the operation.

FRENCH THINK BATTLE ENDING

HAVE REASON TO FORECAST
END OF VERDUN DRIVE

French Today Ridicule German Report of 800,000 Defenders

Paris, May 11.—With bayonets and grenades, French last night repulsed a German attack northeast of Verdun, a communique said. West of the Meuse only artillery fighting is reported. Though there is still artillery fighting west of the Meuse, the impression is growing Germans are preparing to abandon the attack on Verdun.

German Story Ridiculed.

Officers are ridiculing the German statement that 800,000 French are engaged in the defense. It is said Germany caused this to be published to show people she confronted the greatest obstacles thus explaining her failure to capture the citadel.

Berlin Claims Differ.

Berlin, May 11.—Repulse of French attacks around Verdun and further successes at Hill 304 are claimed in an official statement. It claimed capture of 53 officers and 1500 men on the hill since Thursday. Hand grenade fighting throughout the night is reported from Caillette Woods.

Russian Forces Captured.

Southeast of Selberg Teutons stormed 500 yards of Russian trenches, capturing 309 slaves.

Munitions Boat Sunk.

Rome, May 11. French submarines destroyed an Austrian munitions transport off Albania, it is officially announced. It is believed the crew perished.

Fighting in Northern Greece.

Saloniki, May 11.—Brisk artillery fighting on the northern Grecian front is reported today. Bulgarians reinforcing south of Monastir are evidently expecting an attack from allies concentrated at Florina.

IDAHO TWICE HIT BY LARGE CROP DAMAGE

FROST LAST NIGHT INJURES
FRUIT TO THE EXTENT
OF OVER A MILLION.

SITUATION AT HOME STILL AN UNCERTAINTY

Dam in Teuton County, Idaho, Breaks, Releasing Great Wall of Water that Washes All Before it—Roar of Water Warns Farmers Who Seek Safety on Hills Nearby.

Boise, May 11.—A heavy freeze last night caused more than a million dollar loss to fruit growers in Southern Idaho.

The prune crop is entirely destroyed and apples were badly damaged. Small fruits were wiped out.

While the mercury last night sank lower than at any time during the present storm in the Grande Ronde, the fruit prospect is still a mystifying situation. Once more the valley as a whole seems to have been hit less hard than La Grande proper, and fruitmen are still hopeful of a fairly good crop of all kinds of fruit.

FLOODS IN IDAHO.

Dam Breaks and Farm Lands Inundated in Teuton County.

Boise, May 11.—News has reached here today of a disaster to Farmers Valley, Teuton county, Saturday. The Packsaddle dam broke and a wall of water rushed down the valley. Farm houses were carried away and crops destroyed.

Roar of the water warned people in time for them to escape to the hills.

ONE OF THE AMERICAN HEROES AT COLUMBUS.



Major Tompkins of 13th Cavalry

This is a photograph of Major Tompkins of the Thirteenth cavalry, at Columbus, N. M., the man who led the first American invasion on Mexico, when he went at the head of troops after Villa and his bandits. The photograph was taken the day the troops returned from their chase of Villa. There was some discussion of holding Major Tompkins, and Colonel H. J. Slocum, his superior, because their troops crossed the boundary line without orders from Washington. But it was found in Washington that the suggestion was not popular.

TEST FLIGHT ON POTOMAC FATAL TO 2 AVIATORS

BIGGEST HYDROPLANE IN THE
COUNTRY PLUNGES INTO
WATER WITH TWO MEN

OTHERS THROWN OUT AND RESCUED, BUT HURT

Leaving Navy Yard Craft Was Scudding Low Along the Water When Propeller Was Thrown Off—Two Men Who Cling to the Machine Taken to River Bottom.

Washington, May 11.—Two were probably killed, and three are known to have been injured today when one of the largest hydroplanes in the country threw a propeller while flying low, and dived into the Potomac. L. Z. Grants, an aviator, and Charles Good, a student, are believed dead. Thomas MacCauley the pilot, Mayo Dudley a newspaper man, and Mechanician Utter were injured. The aeroplane had a capacity of 16 passengers. She started from the navy yard for a test flight and had traveled 10 miles.

Men Go to the Bottom

The propeller was hurled off while the craft was scudding low. Dudley, MacCauley and Utter were thrown out. Grants and Good clung to the pitching airship and were still there when the craft plunged into the water. It is believed they were caught under the wreckage in the bottom of the river.

Hibberd Leaves Hospital

C. R. Hibberd was able to leave the Grande Ronde hospital this afternoon, after a two-day retirement there caused by knife wounds resulting from the Joe-Hibberd fight recently.

WOMAN TEMPTS; MAN IS VICTIM

NEW ALIBI FOR DRY STATES
HEARD IN COURT.

Sewing Machine Agent Recites Pitiful Tale of Woman's Cunning and Man's Inherited Frailties.

Even as Adam shunted responsibility for first sin unto Eve, so man today finds shelter behind woman's skirts.

F. E. Cutler, a sewing machine agent, is prince of alibiers. He was placed before the municipal judge on a charge of drunkenness. When it came time for him to plead, he presented a very logical story but it availed him not—he had to pay a fine of \$10.00.

"You see, your honor, it was like this," Mr. Cutler explained. "I was working on a sewing machine in a La Grande home, my head down intent on my work. When I looked up there stood a bottle of liquor and beside it a sparkling glass.

Drinks Well Scattered.
"Now it has been 11 years since I had a drink—11 long years, dry years, your honor. But seeing that bottle, and the glass conveniently by it, I was tempted to sample the contents. It was good. Then I filled the glass, full, yes level full, your honor, and I drank thereof to the dregs.

What then? I know not. I know only that I am here. What happened, I, alas, cannot tell. A gap, a span, a black abyss haunts me still, for, verily I must have been terribly drunk—drunk unto unconsciousness."
The defendant would not disclose the house number where he had been so strangely tempted.

ELKS TO CELEBRATE.

Initiation, Smoker, Banquet on Card for Elks Tonight.

A large class will be initiated into the Elks' lodge this evening and that in turn will be followed by a smoker, and banquet will top off the evening. Bay's Royal Italian band will be an important factor in the program of amusement.

ELKS BEFORE COMMISSION

Committee Opens Negotiations for Reduced Water Rates in Pool.

To obtain if possible a reduction in rates covering water used in the Elks' natatorium, a committee of Elks appeared before the city commission last evening. The matter was discussed at some length, and was put over until next meeting.

CRACKSMEN MAKE HAUL

Money, Gold and Many Checks, Payroll for Miners, Seized

San Bernardino, May 11.—Cracksmen looted the store of James Illingsworth, at Randsburg, and escaped with ten thousand in gold and several thousand in checks. The money was part of a mining payroll. An automobile posse is pursuing them through the desert.

SUBWAY AGAIN CONSIDERED

COMMISSION AND O.W. OFFICIALS REVIVE WORK.

Likely Something Will Be Done Soon With the Project.

Second street subway is revived. The project which proposes to undermine the railroad track at North Second, affording opportunity for traffic and school children to go under the mainline tracks instead of over them, was originated in councilmanic days and was the storm center of prolonged and heated discussion. Shortly after the managerial form became operative a sewer to drain the subway was constructed and some excavation was also done and then the work was abandoned, the hole under the track being partially completed.

Now the company has opened negotiations to have the work pushed and although the matter was laid over another week, it came up for consideration at a meeting of the city commission last evening at which all commissioners were present.

The commission has also completed negotiations for use of city water by the O.W. and the contract will read substantially the same as last year's agreement.

SUBURBAN TEACHERS ELECTED

Superintendent W. E. Thompson to Remain at Island Another Year.

The school board of Island City schools has re-engaged W. E. Thompson as teacher and school principal for the coming year. Mr. Thompson's assistants will be Ellen Maxfield, domestic science; Miss Florence McDonald and Miss Huffman.

The Island City schools have enjoyed a fruitful year and will soon be ready to send the eighth grade class into high school circles.

GOVERNMENT AGAIN WARNS ITS SUBJECTS

PRESERVE IN MEXICO OF ANY
AMERICANS STRONGLY
POSED BY UNCLE SAM

COMPARATIVELY FEW NOW SOUTH OF THE BORDER

In Spite of Mobilization, Mexicans Insist on Time Limit for Expedition and Secretary of War is Not Discouraged, Especially After Receiving Reports from Scott.

Washington, May 11.—The state department through consuls today again warned Americans to quit Mexico. Reports recently said fewer than 3000 Americans are now in Mexico. The number probably has been reduced since development caused massing of new troops on the border.

Reiteration of Mexico's insistence on a time limit of the expedition's presence in Mexico is causing uneasiness. Secretary of War Baker is optimistic, however, after receiving Scott's latest word.

MEETING NIGHTS CHANGE.

Moose Hereafter Will Meet on Wednesday Evenings.

Last evening the Moose lodge decided to permanently meet every Wednesday evening instead of Tuesday evening which has been the night heretofore. The lodge is now domiciled in the Eagles' hall and it was necessary to change the meeting nights to avoid conflict with other lodges.

POPULAR FIREMAN DEAD.

B. B. Gibbs Victim of Diabetes—Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

Railroad circles are in mourning today over the untimely death of Fireman B. B. Gibbs, who through six years of service on the O.W. had reached the point where he was next in line for promotion. He went fishing a few days ago, catching a cold that aggravated his troubles and after two days of struggle, collapsed and died last night. His age was 35, and he was unmarried. His relatives live at Weatherby and they have been called.

Mr. Gibbs was one of the best known and best-liked men in the firemen's division of railroading and his untimely death is a shock to his friends.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, and his own brotherhood members will have direct supervision of the funeral.

The services will be conducted at the Henry chapel, and Rev. J. J. Tickner, of the Baptist church will officiate.

BALLOTS SOON READY.

Four Sets of Tickets Being Prepared for Primary Election.

By the end of the week the ballots for the primary election May 19 will be ready to send to the respective judges of election. There are four distinct sets this year—Republican, Democratic, Progressive and the special bond issue election. The clerk's office is busily engaged with this preliminary work, sending out the instructions to judges and otherwise preparing for the work in hand.

Miners Get \$125,000 in Gold Bonuses.

Wallace, Idaho, May 11.—Nearly \$125,000 in gold was received here today to be distributed among 4000 miners in the Coeur d'Alene district as a bonus for their work during the month of April. The bonus for each miner amounts to about \$1 a day. The bonus system, adopted by the mine operators February 1, is governed by the prices of the metals produced—mostly gold, copper and silver. For March the miners received 75 cents a day bonus. Merchants throughout the mining district report that business has practically doubled since the inauguration of the bonus system.

Mrs. Bradbury Badly Injured

Baker, May 11.—Mrs. John Bradbury was brought to the hospital here yesterday from the Cyclone mine suffering with a broken hip, sustained in a runaway day before yesterday. She was preparing to start for Baker with her husband and just as they left the mine the horse bolted suddenly, tipping the wagon over, injuring Mrs. Bradbury as noted and her husband less seriously.

A few days before, the same horse ran away with Mrs. Bradbury, throwing her out. At that time she was badly cut and bruised.