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KING ALFONSO FOSTERS PEACE

NOW SOUNDING NATIONS WITH PEACE PURPOSE

IF PLAN IS FEASIBLE HE WILL BRING ABOUT A CONFERENCE SHORTLY

BRIAND DECLARES ONE WAY ALONE EXISTS

Points To Need of Decisive Victory. Claiming Allies Can, and Will, Gain Point that Will Restore International Law Not Through Intrigue But by Power.

London, May 22.—King Alfonso of Spain likely will initiate peace negotiations soon, a Madrid newspaper has said. He will first sound out peace sentiment in each belligerent country. If the results are satisfactory the king will send two Spanish statesmen to each warring capital to formulate peace plans.

Victory Must Come First. Paris, May 22.—"Peace will come only through a decisive victory," Premier Briand told the Russian Duma delegation today. Briand said also: "The allies can regard the future with confidence. Peace must result from diplomatic intrigue, but only through a decisive allied victory which can and will restore recognition of international law."

RECORD FOR HOGS.

Kansas City Receives Big Shipments via Don Myers.

Concerning shipments the past six months from Eastern Oregon and Idaho to the east by D. E. Myers of Imbler, the Kansas City Livestock Reporter in a recent issue remarks:

"D. E. Myers of Pocatello, Idaho, who is among the largest operators in hogs in that state, has shipped to the Kansas City market in the last few weeks 50 carloads of hogs. They came from various points in the southern part of that state. No other section of the country ever sent so many hogs in so short a time as have been received from Mr. Myers."

MILITIAMEN BALK

Claimed Southerners Will Not Take Oath Required of Them

Washington, May 22.—One hundred and sixteen Texas militiamen have refused to take the oath necessary for federal service, Secretary of War Baker was advised today. Under the Dick law they can be court-martialed and fined, but not forced to serve. Mr. Baker commented on the alleged interview with Oregon in which the Mexican minister is quoted as saying the American-Mexican situation is acute. Baker declared he didn't know the Big Bend case had been discussed of the recent border conference. It is thought withdrawal of Sibley's men will clear the situation. The attitude of Carranza is still reported friendly.

Rhine Minus Sightseers

Coblentz, May 22.—The Rhine today is flowing along without its sightseers. The Rhine, which in peace time always attracted the American millionaire or school teacher, is practically deserted. In Coblentz, one of the favored stopping points along Germany's famous river, few visitors come.

Coblentz is one of Germany's strongest forts on the Rhine and the city is dominated by the officers and men. At the beginning of the war Coblentz was the most envied of all German cities because the Kaiser and his staff spent the first two weeks here directing the operations against France and Belgium. Citizens today tell with great pride how the Kaiser watched the armies go down the valley of the Mosel.

Coblentz hotels are almost guestless. About the only residents are officers detailed to this fort for special duty.

If the French had succeeded in invading Germany as far as the German army has penetrated France, Coblentz would be in their hands—Coblentz and this part of the Rhine and Mosel. Across from Coblentz is the giant rock hill Ehrenbreitstein with its fort on top. The other forts are hidden in the mountains around the city.

Souvenir shops are deserted. Museums are open but the guides have gone to the war so that he who happens to visit roams about alone.

In the Day's News



GEN. HUGH L. SCOTT.

Gen. Scott, chief of staff of the army, has returned to Washington, optimistic over the military situation. Administration officials continue to express confidence the forces under Gen. Funston's command will be able to protect the border unless there is a general anti-American outbreak beyond the border in which Carranza troops participate. There is nothing to indicate the likelihood of such an event.

BOARD BEGINS LONG CANVASS

SEVERAL CONTESTS AWAIT BOARD FINDINGS.

County Surveyors and District Attorneyship Unsettled.

With several contests so close that the last figures of an official count will be needed to determine the outcome, the canvassing board was called to order this morning and will proceed with the canvass post haste. The final figures probably will not be out until tomorrow afternoon. The method employed is to begin with the precincts in an alphabetical order and proceed to the finish, checking up as they go.

Among the contests that must be finally determined by the board is the matter of Democratic and Republican county surveyor nominations. These were so badly confused in the writing, in process that it is impossible to tell in an offhand way who is ahead or anything of the sort. The district attorneyship on the Republican ticket is another matter for the board to determine.

The board is composed of County Clerk Ed Wright, U. F. Weiss of Elgin and Arthur Williams of La Grande.

Island Schools Entertain

The entertainment given at the Island City church by our schools on Friday evening, May 12th was unique and well carried out in every particular. The music for the evening was furnished by the Island City school orchestra with special selections given by other members of the school.

The program consisted of two parts which included every pupil in the school. The musical Fairy Play which was presented first was well received.

The queen with her retinue of attendants, the Fairies, Elves and Spirit of Dawn all presenting their parts on the stage make a most beautiful scene. The flower drill given by the young ladies held the attention of the audience until by a clever turn in the scene the Spirit of Dawn pleaded for the little girl who was lost in the forest and was successful in having her sent back to her mother. The second part was a dramatization of the well known poem "The Courtship of Miles Standish."

This was well handled by the older members of the school. The four principal characters were represented as follows: Conelia Pries as Priscilla, Erik Kolb as John Alden, Lloyd Thompson as Miles Standish and Walter Blokland as the Elder. The most exciting scene was the surprise of Miles Standish camp by the Indians. Finally all ended by the union of Priscilla and John. The Topsy Turvy boys ended the program with a lively song and everybody went home happy.

Happy Culmination to Romance.

St. Paul, Minn., May 22.—Seven years ago today, in a sunny little village near Naples, Italy, seventeen-year-old Luigi Dimas cried as he told pretty Marianna Serpio, 16, goodbye. Marianna cried, too. He was leaving for America, to find her a home. That he has accomplished, and a pretty little home it is, here in St. Paul. They were married in the cottage today.

CLUB WOMEN IN GOTHAM CONCLAVE

INVASION TO NATIONAL CONVENTION IS ON.

Boy Scouts Pilot Delegates to Respective Headquarters—Subjects Many.

New York, May 22.—An army of 20,000 women, mobilized in every state and possession of the United States, began the invasion of Manhattan today for the opening of the 13th Biennial Convention of the Federated Women's clubs of America in the Seventh Regiment armory here tomorrow. As the squads, companies, regiments and battalions of handsomely gowned femininity troop along the platforms from the long trains pulling into Grand Central, Pennsylvania Station and Hudson Terminal from California, Florida, Maine and other parts of the country, they are taken in hand by Boy Scouts in khaki, who see them safely delivered to their appointed places. Other scouts go around afterward and give them printed and oral instructions about getting here and there in New York. Still other scouts look after their luggage. Thanks to these aids and the hard working arrangements committee under the direction of Mrs. North McLean of the New York Federation, the 20,000 will be comfortably settled in New York town and on their way to hear Mrs. Percy V. Penny-packer of Texas bang the big gavel on the steel sounding board that will call the convention to order. From that moment on until the night of June 2 the women leaders of the nation will make this old town hum with speeches and squabbles and social affairs and all those other exciting events that women bring about when they get together. They will give the world their official opinion on government and goulash, food and fighting, marriage and millionaires, babies and banking, health and hairdressing, short skirts and short ballots, big wives and little husbands, prizefights and teaights and many, many other matters of general interest.

WAITE TRIAL OPENS

Sensational Murder Case Comes To An Issue

New York, May 22.—With the opening of the trial of young Dr. Arthur Warren Waite here today on the charge of poisoning his millionaire parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich., the begins to pour into the dry records of the New York Supreme Court one of the most sensational and astounding stories of fortune-hunting, illicit love, murder, intrigue and deception that has ever been disclosed, as the alleged record of one man.

Waite's formal plea was "not guilty," but he may change it late today. The state will attempt to prove that the slender, nattily attired, smiling youth who sits quietly before a long table in this drab and silent courtroom, deliberately wooed and married Clara Peck with the preconceived intention of murdering her, her father and mother and any other persons it might be necessary to murder in order that he might get possession of the Peck millions.

The state will introduce evidence to prove that Waite, married to Clara Peck and having Mrs. Elizabeth Horton as his "Studio Companion" in a big New York hotel, actually did get Mr. and Mrs. Peck to New York on a visit and murder them by poisoning them with arsenic.

That he got his wife to will her estate to him and was planning her murder as the third of the series in his alleged scheme to get the Peck millions.

And that after murdering his mother-in-law and engineering the cremation of her body to prevent the discovery of the cause of her death, he bribed a New York undertaker with \$9,000, (\$7,800 of this amount was found where the undertaker told the police he hid it), to swear that arsenic was used in the fluid employed in the embalming of his father-in-law's body.

With his wife turned against him and prosecuting her suit for divorce; and Margaret Horton, his "Studio Companion," fresh from the triumphs of a vaudeville engagement won as a result of the publicity she gained from her association with him Waite faces his fight against the electric chair without the support either of the woman he married or the woman he squandered his money on.

HIKERS CONTINUE TRIP.

After Pleasant Sojourn in La Grande Trio Moves to the East.

After resting up here Sunday and until today noon, three Portland boys, Kenneth Hollister, William Simonson and Raymond Moyer, left La Grande today noon bound for New York afoot. They reached here the 11th day out on their overland trip, and for nearly two days were guests of the Elks here and the Commercial club. All are soe of feet but started out brave at noon today for another lap of their journey. After reaching New York they expect to take courses in music.

En route they are advertising the Portland Rose Show.

Corey Claims Nomination

BRIDAL VEIL OF NUN-LIKE SIMPLICITY.



Some brides will be coroneted in tulle on their wedding day, some will wear Greek bandeaux to hold the shimmering lace or tulle in place, but most of the summer brides will follow fashion's dictate and wear their veils gathered cap-fashion around their heads. In the cap-veil which promises to be popular the tulle is laid crosswise over the head in soft pleats and gathered into a cap of nun-like demureness. It is encircled with a wreath of orange blossoms.

ENORMOUS AIR CRAFT BUILT DIXON HAS A LEAD OF TWO

FRENCH WILL SOON HOIST FAMOUS "75'S"

Experiment Successful—Germans Reported Punished.

Paris, May 22.—Monster French air cruisers, each carrying the famous French seventy five will be used before many weeks. Successful experiments have just been completed. Sergeant Grandseigne drove a cannon-carrying aeroplane to Ostend and shot 16 shells at German warships and then made his escape. One ship was apparently badly damaged. This action was chiefly experimental.

French Make Good Gains. Paris, May 22.—French attacks drove Germans from strong positions on both sides of the Meuse, it is officially announced. Germans charged many times in desperate efforts to regain the territory but every assault defeated. The heaviest fighting continued Sunday, marking the beginning of the fourth month at Verdun—the world's greatest battle.

West of Deadman's Hill Germans attempted to widen gains Saturday but each assault was repulsed. French then seized the opportunity and plunged at the confused Teuton masses and regained part of the ground lost Saturday. French captured a trench adjoining shattered ruins of Vaux village. Last night Germans made a moonlight attack on Haudremont quarries but met disaster.

French took the quarries Sunday.

German Gas Beats Germans. Berlin, May 22.—It is officially admitted French gained a foothold at the Quarry south of Haudremont following three assaults.

Germans rolled dense clouds of gas towards the French lines in Champagne and then charged. The wind shifted, sending the gas whirling upon the Teutons. They were overwhelmed and the attack defeated. Three German aeroplanes were wrecked in a duel by French fire.

One hundred and sixty German captive balloons containing observers and aviators bombarded Dunkirk this morning, showering bombs into the streets.

Rome, May 22.—Italian liner Staudrew has been submarine.

NEW MILK RECORD.

Holstein Heifer Sets World's Mark in Milk Production.

Cleveland, May 22.—Jolie Topsy Pauline De Kol, a four year old Holstein cow, has just set a new world's milk production record for one year. Topsy produced 28,416 pounds of milk the last year, or 3304 gallons. She beat the previous world record by 1671 pounds. The cow is owned by the city, and her milk, produced at the Warrenville correction farm, goes to workhouse prisoners.

TO BALLAST RIGHT OF WAY.

North Powder Man Supplying Large Quantity of Gravel.

The North Powder News is informed by Grant Dalton that the O. W. R. & N. have contracted with him for 1000 car loads of gravel which they will use along their track between this city and Wingville and that the work of distributing same will commence at once.

We are further informed that this company will fill in the plot of land from the mill ditch to the depot for a park.

SAYS WRIGHT BEATEN BY A 300-PLURALITY

Returns Very Slow and Complicated, and New Figures Hard to Pick Up But Race Is Blue From La Grande Point of View—Three Counties May Swing It.

Salem, May 22.—H. H. Corey, secretary of the Public Service commission today noon considered his nomination over Ed Wright certain with a plurality of 300 and possibly 1000. Grant, Lake and Wheeler counties from which returns are meagre, he deems especially strong for him. New figures from Eastern Oregon are hard to obtain today.

Wallowa Returns Drag.

Enterprise, May 22.—(Special)—Late this afternoon the canvassing board has not begun its work in Wallowa county. The Snake and Imnaha river votes have not come in. On the strength of such votes as have been unofficially counted, it is believed that Mr. Wright will leave Wallowa county with 250 votes to the good instead of about 400 as was indicated Saturday. As a consequence of the delayed canvass of the votes, there is no likelihood of definite news out of Wallowa county until the middle of the week.

CONFUSION IN COMMONS.

Irish Member Starts Scene by Decrying Death of Irishmen.

London, May 22.—Confusion reigned in the Commons today when Timothy Healy, an Irish member, created a scene during debate on the execution of Irish rebels. He shouted: "I am not going to stand here and see our people shot. We are not in Prussia."

Mingled cries of disapproval and shouts came from members. "Licensed Traitor" yelled one. Healy previously had declared he had no confidence in the Irish courtmartial law and no confidence in General Maxwell.

Speckles Win Suit.

Portland, May 22.—The suit of R. A. Graham against Speckles Brothers, was decided today in favor of the Speckles.

MR. GIRDLER RETURNS

School Superintendent Returns From Future Location

Having been at Ogden, Utah, for a few days, during which time he was elected superintendent of schools there, John Girdler, city superintendent of La Grande schools, returned home this morning. He will devote himself to closing up the year's work, and hopes to leave for his new location by July 1st.

Mr. Girdler reports Ogden growing rapidly, with the inhabitants there claiming a population of 40,000.

BARBERS ARE HAPPY.

Ohio Man Saved About \$1000 by Not Shaving in Long Period.

St. Clairsville, O., May 22.—Barbers here are happy because Robert Newlin had his whiskers shaved off. They had not been cut in 33 years. Friends figure that, including interest, he is more than \$1000 better off than if he had been shaved twice each week.

894; Worsley, 15,298.

"Judge A. S. Bennett, Thomas H. Crawford, W. L. Morgan and J. W. Morrow are leading the field among candidates for delegates to the Democratic National convention. Frank L. Armitage is a close contender, however.

"A close race has developed in the Eastern Oregon district among the contestants for Democratic delegate. Will M. Peterson, of Umatilla county, is in the lead, with 2098 votes; Will R. King, of Malheur, is second, with 2022; and Fred J. Holmes, of Union, is third, with 2010. The race lies between these three. Two are to be elected.

"In the First Congressional District C. P. Bishop, of Marion county, seems to have a safe lead as one of the two district delegates to the Republican National convention.

"In the Second Congressional District, W. H. Brooke, of Malheur county, and J. N. Burgess, of Umatilla county, are apparently safely elected. Charles O. Pollard, of Crook county, standing third. The vote: Burgess, 8478; Brooke, 8400; Pollard, 5135.

"The Oregon delegation, according to the provisions of the direct primary law, is instructed, by the vote in Friday's primary, to cast its ballot for Justice Hughes."