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CROWN PRINCE SENDS FRESH LEGIONS AGAINST VERDUN CITADEL

HYPHEN TYPE EXCORIATED BY THE COLONEL

CITES TRUE AMERICANISM OF MANY GERMANS HE POINTS TO CONTRAST.

ST. LOUIS AUDIENCE HEARS GERMAN ALLIANCE GRILLED

"America for Americans" Applauded by Roosevelt in Speech in Which He Is Merciless With Those Germans Who Retain German Interests While Americans.

St. Louis, Mo., May 31.—Colonel Roosevelt dissected, flayed and excoriated the hyphenated American here today—in a city having the second largest German-American population in the United States. The former president has seldom been so vitriolic as he was in denouncing the moral treason of hyphenates. He spoke at a luncheon of the City Club.

The German-American alliance came in for a larger share of the colonel's wrath. He held this organization and its branches to be composed of people "disloyal" to the United States and "unfit for citizenship." He made a powerful appeal for "America for Americans," while lauding in glowing terms the patriotism of the foreigners who came to America and as citizens proved their fealty to the stars and stripes by deeds of heroism and public service.

"Here in St. Louis I wish to speak briefly on the subject of Americanism," the colonel began. "I stand against every form of hyphenated Americanism. I do not speak of the hyphen when it is employed as a mere matter of convenience, although personally I like to avoid its use even in such a manner. I speak of and condemn its use whenever it represents an effort to form political parties along racial lines or to bring pressure to bear on parties and politicians, not for American purposes, but in the soul and of the spirit."

The closing paragraph of his address asserted:

"The salvation of our people lies in having a nationalized and unified America, ready for the tasks of both war and peace. I appeal to all our citizens no matter from what land their forefathers came, and to shun their scorn and mischiefmakers who would seek to divide them along lines of creed, of birthplace or of national origin. I ask them to remember that there is but one safe motto for all America no matter whether they were born here or abroad; no matter from what land their ancestors came; and that is the simple and loyal motto 'America for Americans.'"

Between these two appeals the colonel ran the gamut of denunciation on the one hand of hyphenates, of whatever ancestry, and eloquent eulogy, on the other, of men like Jacob Riis, Colonel Goethals, Major General Barry, Leonard Wood and scores of others of foreign birth or parentage who were real Americans.

"If the American has the right stuff in him," he declared, "I care not a snap of my finger whether he is Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant. I care not a snap of my finger whether his ancestors came over in the Mayflower, or whether he was born or his parents were born in Germany, Ireland, France, England, Scandinavia, Russia, Italy or any other country. All I ask of the immigrant is that he shall be physically and intellectually fit, of sound character and eager in good faith to become an American citizen. * * * But unless the immigration becomes in good faith an American and nothing else then he is out of place in this country and the sooner he leaves it the better—we are false to this country if we rank ourselves as 'German-Americans' or 'English-Americans' or 'French-Americans.' Our duty is to the United States. This duty should constrain us in the first place to treat the other nations primarily according to the way such treatment serves American interests; and in the second place so far as possible to treat other nations in such manner as serves the interests of mankind at large. * * * We should be friendly to all nations and in any crisis we should judge each nation by its conduct in that crisis."

"The effort to keep our citizenship divided against itself by the use of the hyphen and along the lines of national origin is certain to breed a spirit of bitterness and prejudice and dislike between great bodies of our citizens."

"What I have been striving for a

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THE DEFENDER OF VERDUN.



A LOVING TRIBUTE

They kept the stars in the field of blue, They brought the states to allegiance true; To them the nation's life is due, And the nation should ne'er forget.

The above inscription on the monument erected to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic in one of the La Grande cemeteries is appropriate, and tells the story in few words.

It must be explained however, how at this late date that a marble shaft has been erected to the old boys in blue. Patriotism never dies in America, but it ebbs and flows. For a period of years, such as following the civil war, patriotism is in full tide, then comes the days of forgetfulness of the deeds of valor. A few years later a wave will come on that will again stir the hearts and souls of Americans.

A noble band of ladies known as the Woman's Relief Corps have ever been faithful to the cause and in La Grande they have worked for years with the hope uppermost in their minds that some day they would achieve their desire to place proper shafts and markers over graves of the old soldiers and an American flag over all. That was accomplished yesterday and La Grande as a community feels better since this patriotic movement.

CALVIN IS PRESIDENT.

Short Line Man Is To Become Head of Union Pacific.

New York, May 31.—E. E. Calvin, of the Oregon Short Line, was elected president of the Union Pacific today, succeeding A. L. Mohler. The change is effective July first.

It is announced an injury caused when he fell while ice skating in January, caused Mohler's resignation.

PEACE NOT INDICATED.

Commons Hears Sharp Criticism Concerning Kitchener's Pay.

London, May 31.—Chancellor HOLLWEG's last speech held no hope for early peace, Premier Asquith told the Commons, responding to queries whether Allies are willing to consider peace overtures. Sir Arthur Markham, a laborite, asked the question, based on President Wilson's rumored intention of making overtures. Asquith briefly said Hollweg's last address hadn't indicated Germany is ready to consider peace terms which would save guard Allies' interests. He had nothing to add to Grey's reply.

Churchill, discussing a motion to reduce Kitchener's salary, made the harshest criticism in the House of Commons since the war began.

WILL BUILD HOMES

La Grande Trio To Provide Buildings for Reth Employees

Pendleton, May 30.—Having purchased 20 acres of land on the bluff above the railroad yards at Reth (Pilot Rock Junction) Messrs. Orin, Warnick & Humphrey, three La Grande men are planning for opening an addition to provide homes for the railroaders at the terminal.

According to C. M. Humphrey, who was here Saturday, the first step will consist in the sinking of a well on the property so as to determine the possibility of a water supply for the community. After water is secured the land will be platted and sold or rented, homes being erected for the terminal people.

At the present time all the employees at the junction are living in homes improvised from box cars set on side tracks. More than 25 families are living in this manner and the necessity of homes for the men is becoming pressing.

W. R. C. Grateful.

Voicing the sentiment of the whole corps, Mrs. Morgan today officially expressed thanks and appreciation to all who assisted in making Memorial day a success in this city. She aims to especially thank those who took part in the various services, donated automobiles and otherwise assisted the veterans and the auxiliary.

UNION PACIFIC STOPS MACHINE FOR J. J. HILL

IN LA GRANDE EVERY EMPLOYEE PAUSED IN HIS WORK FOR 5 MINUTES

EVEN TELEGRAPH KEYS SILENT DURING THE PAUSE

Union Pacific Pays High Tribute to Late Empire Builder Who, Though of Opponent Road Was Recognized in Deserving Tribute—Train Stopped for Five Minutes.

For five minutes today the massive machinery of the Union Pacific system stood still—in silent tribute to the late genius, J. J. Hill who was buried at St. Paul this afternoon at 2 o'clock. At the hour the services began there, the O-W set its breaks; every train, no matter where it was at the hour, stopped and in silence waited the lapse of five minutes. In the round house here, in the shops, on sections, on bridges—everywhere that an employee was, a five-minute pause occurred.

Even the telegraphers ceased their work. The wires were opened the entire distance between Omaha and Portland and not a key clicked its monotonous sound. So complete was the tribute that not a single man moved a finger for the Union Pacific system during that period of time.

Coming from an opponent road, as it does, the tribute is indeed a complimentary one; a fitting homage to the genius who made the Northwest possible, and became the greatest empire builder of his country.

Because of the many branches of railroad centering in La Grande, the Union Pacific's homage to the late wizard was especially conspicuous. The order caught trains on mountainsides, on plains and in deserts, but that mattered not—at the hour of 12 the wheels stopped, and five minutes later resumed their runs. It was a complete and thoroughgoing tribute. The last time such an order was issued here occurred at the death of the late E. H. Harriman, father of the Union Pacific.

CARRANZA HAS SHOWN TEETH

NOTE DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OR EXPLANATION.

Failure to Explain Attitude or Act, Deemed "Unfriendly"

Washington, May 31.—Withdrawal of American troops from Mexico as an evidence of good faith by the United States is requested by Carranza in his latest note, delivered today. Pending withdrawal, Carranza asks definite explanation of the reasons for keeping the expedition there and what the purpose is. He declared the American force is remaining idle. If troops withdraw, and no explanation is made, the communication asserted Mexico must consider the presence of soldiers an unfriendly invasion.

Eugene Realty Dealers Organize.

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BRICK HURLED AT OIL KING

FOREIGNER IS OVERPOWERED WHILE IN ACT.

Claims He Proposed to Kill J. D. Rockefeller With Bricks.

New York, May 31.—After throwing three bricks through the windows of William Vanderbilt's mansion, which it is believed endangered John D. Rockefeller's life, Saerbes Roswredes, a foreigner, was overpowered and arrested. He told the police he planned to kill Rockefeller when he came from the house.

Brown to Decide.

Salem, Or., May 30.—Whether the power to appoint a successor to Public Service Commissioner Aitchison resides in the executive or the state board is now for Attorney General Brown to determine. Governor Withycombe deciding last night to ask him for an opinion on the subject.

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HUGHES AND ROOSEVELT SUPPORTERS LOCK HORNS

Chicago, May 31.—With presidential politics hourly becoming more intense, the Hughes camp was generally bombarded today. Former Secretary of the navy von Meyer, chairman of the Roosevelt league, fired the heaviest shots. He said it was understood Hitchcock visited Justice Hughes, then Governor Whitman and came to Chicago to launch the Hughes boom. Meyer declares the country is facing a crisis, and big business demands Roosevelt as the only man who can meet the situation.

Supporters of Root and Roosevelt, alleged Hitchcock offered patronage to the Southern delegates.

Hitchcock countered by saying concerted acts of his opponents showed how formidable they consider the Hughes movement and said it helped, instead of hurt, his candidacy.

Senator Weeks arrived today and conferred with campaign managers. Hearing of delegates contests for seats begins tomorrow.

Aircraft Hits Tree.

London, May 31.—Descending near Voles, a German Zeppelin struck a tree and was destroyed, Amsterdam dispatches have stated.

FINAL TITANIC STRUGGLE TO UNSEAT ALLIES BEGUN ON 100TH DAY OF BATTLE

PROSPERITY IS REACHING WEST

GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT CITES PROOF.

Shipbuilding, General Tonnage and Business Generally Reflected Conditions.

Prosperity is reaching the West. H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the O-W, who is closer in touch with actual business conditions than probably any other man in Oregon, has notified his agents in Eastern Oregon of splendid increase in the length of prosperity waves. Among other things he sets out in a formal communication to heads of departments in La Grande:

"May reports indicate extension of the prosperity area Westward, Portland now showing 110 per cent of last year's business, Seattle 110 per cent, Tacoma 105 per cent and Spokane 120 per cent. Sales managers are especially directed to Portland, Seattle and Spokane on account of the lumber business. The entire country is now considered doing at least a fair business, while the greater part of the country is in excellent condition."

"As a matter of interest, following is a report of ships under construction on May 1st:

"Pacific Coast, 32 vessels, 280,000 tons; Great Lakes, 66 vessels, 175,000 tons; Atlantic Coast 150 vessels, 170,000 tons."

"Our reports indicate that retail business should plan for increased trade during the coming months; that while Foreign trade is an important factor, more than 75 per cent of the present production of 'farms, mines and factories of the United States is for domestic consumption, and even though the time may not be far off when manufacturers must begin to guard against over-production, during the remainder of this year the retail demand for all standard articles should continue heavy. Also that Pacific Coast, which on the whole is the least prosperous part of the country, is due for an improvement."

"While the canal is open for vessels of 30 ft. draft, the indications are that but little trans-continental tonnage which can be by rail be handled via that route for some time."

SHIPPING THREATENED.

Entire Pacific Coast May Be Tied Up Tomorrow.

Portland, May 31.—Members of the International Longshoremen's union will strike at every Pacific Coast city from Skagway to San Diego at six tomorrow morning unless demands for higher wages are granted. It is predicted water front shipping will be paralyzed if they strike. Twelve thousand are reported ready to go out. Seattle and San Francisco employers have already declared themselves against wage increases and there is little hope of averting a walkout.

Seattle dock workers are already striking. Portland stevedores threaten to strike tomorrow simultaneously with Longshoremen. Seattle dock workers, however, oppose the Longshoremen, making the fight there three-sided.

Peddlers Given No Leniency in Elgin

Elgin, May 31.—The enforcement of the ordinance regulating and licensing peddlers and vendors within the corporate limits of the city of Elgin is being enforced to the letter and City Recorder Tuttle flatly refuses to compromise with those who follow that occupation.

The ordinance strictly provides a daily license of \$25 for peddling within the city limits and in several instances in the past has been voluntarily compromised and reduced in order that peddlers might vend their wares and reap a profit therefrom. But at present there is no compromise and twice within recent days peddlers have appeared with the usual plea for a reduction but have been promptly refused and the city recorder emphatically states that full license will be paid or there will be no vending in Elgin the remainder of the year.

The majority of those applying for license are vendors of fancy goods—so called—and it appears to be the belief of present authorities that such articles can be purchased at local stores and that if they cannot the postoffice had better be given the benefit of the stamp sales rather than compromise with vendors.

Paris, May 31.—(By Staff Correspondent).—The 100th day of the terrific fighting at Verdun found the German crown prince bringing fresh legions into action west of the Meuse. Critics agreed today that the Teuton offensive initiated Sunday is the final, supreme effort, to pierce the French lines.

Kaiser To Be Present

It is reported the Kaiser is returning to Verdun to witness the frantic struggle.

Germans have unloaded fresh divisions from Russian area. It is rumored that Austrians are en route to Verdun. Some believe the Austrian smash at the Italian front is merely a blind to cover the shifting of Austrians to Verdun.

Counter Attacks Many

French counter attacked at midnight, and regained losses south of Cumiries where they had evacuated first-line trenches and retired toward Chattanooga under the most violent attacks the oldest veterans have experienced.

Million Men In Action

It is forecasted that before the week's end, Germans will have a million men hammering at Verdun.

French Remain Calm

The French public is calm, confident that General Neveille will maintain the northwest forts tenaciously if forced to retire upon them.

TORPEDO ON STREET.

"White Wing" Finds Explosive and Vehicles Are Saved.

The only reason that a railroad torpedo, such as is used to warn engineers, and which explodes when put under pressure of wheels on ties, did not explode on the pavement last night was because no vehicle of sufficient weight struck it. The White Wing brigade found it this morning. It is believed that an automobile or wagon would have discharged it, had such a vehicle struck it just right, and a new tire or perhaps a new wheel would no doubt have been necessary. It is supposed someone accidentally dropped the torpedo on the street.

Albert Wurzweller Dead.

Albert Wurzweller, for a number of years a prominent merchant of Joseph, died at his home in Portland Saturday. After leaving Joseph Mr. Wurzweller went to Prineville and engaged in the mercantile and stock business. His wife was a former resident of La Grande and was a niece of Mrs. M. S. Block, of La Grande. A son, Milton, is a student at Leland Standford University.

CASES ARE SET.

Attorneys and Court Go Over Docket for the June Term.

To adjust cases now at issue, and make preliminary arrangements for the opening of the June term of Circuit court next Monday, attorneys of La Grande, and Judge Knowles, put in a busy period at the court room this morning. The docket probably will be a heavy one with several interesting cases set down.

NEW TICKETS COME.

Universal System To Be Installed On Union Pacific.

For the first time since the O-W became an integral and official part of the Union Pacific system, universal tickets are on hand in La Grande. Ticket Agents Bramwell and Hopple will at once have the new tickets in racks ready for use.

They differ in many ways from the former form. The new system is more complicated and frequently tickets are several feet long, and the coupons are three times as large as the old ones. On them the O-W is designated "Union Pacific, O-W division."

While all roads have not adopted them, the rule is general and is now universal over the whole Harriman system.

Newly Weds Reach North Powder

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Miller arrived in North Powder Monday from Broadview, Montana, at which place their wedding was solemnized last week. Mrs. Miller was formerly Miss Edith Hunt, who was a teacher of domestic science at Union and the conductor of a class in that study at the Grande Ronde chautauqua two years ago. Mrs. Miller was one of the successful contestants recently for a desert land claim five miles east of North Powder and the work of improving the homestead will be continued.