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British Loss of Life in Naval Battle Totals Over 5000 ADMIRALS HOOD AND ARBUTHNOT PERISH WITH THEIR VESSELS

MANY CREWS GO DOWN; ALL HANDS DROWN

THOSE ON THE WARRIOR WERE
SAVED; FIVE OF INVINCIBLE'S
ARE RESCUED

GERMANY SAYS 34 FOE SHIPS PARTICIPATED

All Englishmen on Queen Mary, Defence, Black Prince, Indefatigable and Others Perish With Their Ships—Germans Praise the Bravery of the English.

London, June 3.—Eight German warships have taken refuge in Danish waters it is reliably reported, but were ordered to leave at noon, or in-tern.

Big German Boat Lost.
It is also reported the super-dreadnaught Hindenburg was sunk in the tremendous sea battle fought on the North Sea May 31st, and the cruiser Elbing was so badly damaged that her commander scuttled the ship. Now that more detailed reports are coming forth, it is pointed out that a Danish steamer landed seven survivors of the British destroyer Shark. This boat was used as a decoy. This makes 15 British vessels sunk.

German Fleet Large.
Dutch accounts agree that the German fleet numbered 40 or 50 vessels but the exact number sunk or seriously damaged is not made clear. At first the British fleet greatly outnumbered the Germans.

Bodies Float on Sea.
Neutral ships docking after visiting the scene of the fight, report hundreds of English and German bodies floating on the seas.

The sea was smooth at the time but a heavy mist prevailed. At the beginning of the battle, the English "Grand fleet" was not in action but when all assembled, the Germans began to retire.

Germans Praise English.
Berlin, June 3.—Thirty-four British battleships were engaged in the Skagerrak fight, Admiral Heiberg has announced in the Reichstag. Vice Admiral Scheer commanded the German fleet.

Germans lay great emphasis on the bravery of the British during the 12 hours of fighting.

Two Admirals Die.
London, June 3.—Rear Admiral Horace Hood commander of the Invincible, perished with his ship. It is announced this afternoon that the British destroyers Nomad and Nestor were sunk.

The death list was terrific. Only five were saved from the Invincible, and eight from the Queen Mary. All aboard the Defence were lost including Admiral Arbuthnot. The crew on the Warrior was saved but with the Indefatigable and Black Prince, all were lost. There is no hope for other survivors.

The British losses will probably total 5000 men and more. Admiral Beatty commanded the first British squadron.

The Wasp was not sunk, and the Marlborough, reported damaged and unable to make port, has landed.

SENATE ADOPTS REPORT

Twenty-Five Per Cent of Land Grant For Schools

Washington, June 3.—The senate this afternoon adopted the conference report on the Oregon Land grant bill providing for sale of timber and land, for cash. Ten per cent goes to the treasury, 40 per cent to the reclamation service, 25 per cent to the Oregon school fund, 25 per cent to the land grant counties for roads, schools and port districts. House action is expected Monday.

VAUX STORM CENTER.

Worst Fighting of Big Verdun Battle Takes Place There.

Paris, June 3.—Germans made the most violent attacks on the entire battle on Vaux last night and this morning, but each time were repulsed heavily, a communique has stated. Action is continuing furiously. Germans bombarded Hill 304 and penetrated a large trench north of the French main position.

DELEGATE READY FOR CONVENTION

JUDGE CRAWFORD WILL FIRST VISIT SOUTH.

Country Quit When Lad of 22 Will Be Visited by Veteran Attorney.

Judge T. H. Crawford leaves this evening for St. Louis as one of the delegates at large from Oregon to the Democratic national convention. His departure is slightly in advance of the date for the big gathering at St. Louis and it is his intention to stop first at Kansas City and from that point divert his journey down to his old boyhood home in Arkansas, which he left as a boy of twenty-two. About the first hard work the Arkansas youth did on his arrival in Oregon was to complete his course of school work and this he did by three years of study and receiving a graduation diploma from the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis. After being admitted to the bar he went to Dayton, Wash., and remained for a short period and then removed to Baker. A little later he opened a law office in Union—in the fall of 1878—and he has been a resident of Union county ever since.

CONFERENCE IN FULL SWING.

La Granders Take Prominent Part in Discussions There.

Concerning the big Boys' and Girls' conference at Pendleton at which about 60 Union county youths are present, the Pendleton East Oregonian said last evening:
With 60 girl members already registered for reservations here and at least as many boys expected the third annual older boys and girls conference for east Oregon, under the direction of the Oregon State Sunday School association, will open here this evening with meetings at the Methodist and the Christian churches. The conference will continue until Sunday night.

The meetings of the boys' division will be held at the Methodist church and the girls' at the Christian church. Charles A. Phelps, general secretary of the Sunday School association, arrived this morning to take part in the meetings. Among others who will take leading parts at the conference are John H. Rudd, boys' secretary of the state Y. M. C. A.; Rev. George L. Clark of La Grande; Mrs. L. M. Ormsby of Boise and Mrs. C. H. Upton of La Grande.

On tomorrow evening at the Baptist church a big banquet will be served to the delegates.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon all those arriving will register and be assigned to local homes by the committee in charge. The young folks will gather at their respective meeting places at 7:30 o'clock and a social time will be enjoyed to allow everyone to get acquainted. At 8 o'clock this evening the conferences proper will begin with an opening song and prayer service.

Mayor Best will deliver the address of welcome to the boys and Mrs. S. A. Lowell will welcome the girls, while words of welcome in behalf of the churches of the city will be given by Rev. E. R. Clevenger to the boys and by Mrs. G. W. Rugg to the girls. Vernon Smith of Weston will respond for the boys and Dorothy Haworth of La Grande for the girls. Miss Hazel Strain will also give a welcoming speech to the girls in behalf of the local young lady members of the association.

Roll call will be held at 8:55. Mrs. C. H. Upton will conduct it for the girls. The address of the evening will be delivered to the boys by C. P. Strain, assessor for Umatilla county. His subject will be "The Marks of a Man."

Mrs. L. M. Ormsby will address the girls up on the subject "Girlhood and Service."

The sessions tomorrow morning will begin at 9 o'clock. There will be afternoon sessions by none in the evening. On Sunday, sessions will be held morning, afternoon and evening, at which time the conference will adjourn. The Sunday evening sessions will be open to all.

The following ladies will have charge of the girl delegates while in the city and attend to their welfare: Mrs. S. A. Lowell and Mrs. S. G. Reetz of Pendleton; Mrs. G. H. Bidwell of Island City; Mrs. C. H. Upton of La Grande; Mrs. John McDonald of Walla Walla; Mrs. L. M. Ormsby of Boise.

Dr. Tape at Hot Lake.

Hot Lake, June 3.—Dr. G. W. Tape arrived at Hot Lake on train No. 6 Friday. He is on his way to Detroit to attend the annual conference of the American Medical association June 12 to 16. From Detroit he and Mrs. Tape will start on a long tour which will take them to the most eastern confines of the continent. After touring Newfoundland and New Brunswick, they will return via the Canadian Pacific railway visiting Banff, the Kootenays and Vancouver, returning to Los Angeles after the three months sightseeing.

BIG NAVAL BATTLE PUTS NEW PROGRAM TO FRONT

Washington, June 3.—Two dreadnaughts, a battle cruiser, a flotilla of dirigibles and an equivalent in Zeppelins will be added to the senate naval program as a result of lessons in the Skagerrak battle, Chairman Tillman has announced.

Three-Angled Attack Supreme
Tillman spent the forenoon at the navy department discussing the battle with naval experts. He said the first lesson of the fight was that battle cruisers can not fight dreadnaughts; the second, a fleet which attacks with powerful ships on the ocean, submarines beneath and dirigibles overhead, can beat a fleet consisting of surface boats.

STRIKERS IN BATTLE

Seattle Scene of First Violence Since Strike Was Called

Seattle, June 3.—Fifty strike sympathizers today battled with guards and shot one non-union worker and kidnaped the guard—the first violence of the Longshoremen's strike. The wounded man, with a bullet in his back is expected to recover. The guard was carried away and beaten into unconsciousness after the fight. No arrests have been made. President Waterhouse of the Blue Funnel line, is rushing here from St. Paul on the fastest special train ever run on the Northern Pacific, to confer with longshoremen. He arrives tonight.

IST PAPERS SUFFICIENT.

Ruling Concerning School Elections Comes From Mr. Churchill.

In view of the close approach of the school elections in Oregon it is of interest to note that State Superintendent Churchill has advised county superintendents that there is misunderstanding of qualifications of voters in Oregon school elections. It is not necessary for foreigners to have second papers in school elections as is the fact in other elections. This fact is generally misunderstood and the recent amendment to the constitution changed only the general and other elections dodging a change in the school matter.

CONVENTION BRILLIANT ONE

Another 11th-district convention of Knights of Pythias in Union and Walla Walla counties has been inscribed on fraternal history. With an attendance that flatters the order, the convention met here last evening after a fraternal parade in which about 280 men participated, the magnificent showing of the Elgin band and Elgin lodge especially making the event a tremendous success in every way.

When, at a slightly delayed hour, the parade was led away by Grand Marshal Clint Haines, the Elgin band had given a short concert and won great applause from the large concourse of people on the streets.

Chancellor Commander Delie Green of Red Cross lodge No. 27, called the convention to order and formal greetings were given. Dr. M. K. Hall greeted the guests in Pex Hall with a few brief words, and responses were heard from Marion Davis of Blue Mountain lodge at Union; Dr. Wilson of Orion Lodge at Elgin; Attorney Wallace Trill of Kinsman Lodge at Walla Walla and lieu Weathers of Enterprise lodge at Enterprise.

Walla Walla Next Guest

Deputy Grand Chancellor Davis presided at the brief business session in which the chief business transacted was that of naming a meeting place for the 1917 convention. Upon invitation of C. T. McDaniels of Kinsman lodge, the convention unanimously accepted the offer.

Initiation Spectacular

Initiation of a class of 18 esquires was then begun. Portions of the work was done by La Grande and Union lodgemen, while half of the class was given the full exemplification in a most splendid manner by a combination of Kinsman and Enterprise lodges. The remaining half was then taken through the mysteries of Knighthood by the Elgin lodge in a most creditable manner. In fact the Elgin lodge was on the job all the time, and though others participated learnedly and skillfully, the wonderful turnout of over 100 Elginites was easily the feature of the occasion. Not only was the Elgin band active but the Elgin men's chorus was heard several times, chiefly in the convention proper with a clever parody on "Casey Jones" and later in the banquet hour a parody

TRAIN IN RIVER

Spokane, Wash., June 3.—A Great Northern train, No. four, east bound, struck a rock slide near Katka, Montana, at two o'clock this morning. The engine plunged into the Kootenay river. The engineer and fireman are missing, presumably drowned. No passengers were injured. The mail and baggage cars were derailed.

TERM AS TREASURER EXPIRES.

La Grande Man Too Busy With Own Business to Serve Lodge Longer

The second term of M. B. Donohue as treasurer of the state lodge Knights of Columbus expired this week and he turned over his office to his successor C. D. McCoy of Ontario. Mr. Donohue found his own work demanding so much of his time that he felt he could not serve the lodge longer, although at the state convention held in Portland several weeks ago he was nominated for reelection by the Portland delegation but declined.

Optometrists Will Meet

Will Peare, secretary of the State Board of Optometry leaves tomorrow morning for Salem where he will attend the annual meeting of the board. The annual examinations for applicants to certificates will be given in Portland commencing Tuesday. This is the first meeting since Mr. Peare's election as secretary.

Democratic Committee Meeting

The Union County Democratic Central committee met this afternoon and A. B. Hunter was re-elected chairman and D. M. Clark was re-elected secretary. Fred J. Holmes was also re-elected a member of the state central committee for Union county. Seventeen precincts were represented at the meeting.

Court Opens Monday

Monday morning the June term of Circuit Court convenes. A grand jury will be called and sent to work and set cases will come up.

Chautauqua Hats Arrive

"Chautauqua. Let's Go."
So admonish, in bold type, the inscriptions on a large shipment of advertising hats which the Chautauqua has received. They are lightweight, convenient for Summer wear.

Supt. Buckley Here

J. M. Buckley, general superintendent O-W R. & N., arrived from Portland yesterday evening and has been putting in the most of today looking over the works and conferring with the local railroad officials. Mr. Buckley is accompanied by Sam Harrington, general car service agent.

Dynamite at Gold Creek Mine Injures

Salem, Or., June 2.—Advices were received last night that Waldo and Otto Zimmerman were seriously injured Wednesday evening at the Gold Creek mine northwest of Gates, by an explosion of dynamite. According to the information reaching here the men set a number of charges in the mine and later drilled into an unexploded charge, believing all of the charges had exploded. They were taken to a hospital at Albany for treatment.

American Sailor Held.

San Francisco, June 2.—Edward Corliss, an American seaman who sailed from here as cook aboard the American steamship Republic several weeks ago, is back in this city today with the declaration that he was taken from the vessel at Vancouver, B. C. May 16 by Canadian soldiers and thrown into jail because they suspected him of being a German spy. He said he remained in jail ten days and was released through the efforts of E. F. Johnson, American vice consul, who helped prove his claims to American citizenship. Corliss said the soldiers suspected him mainly on account of his German name.

Vandals Are Sought By Officials

Hood River, Or., June 2.—City officials are on the trail of a number of young boys who visited the city park and girdled a number of trees, the boughs of which form a canopy over the stage of the open air theater. In a few moments the boys destroyed trees that it will take a half century of growth to replace.

MALTINA NOW MADE AT HOME

LA GRANDE BEVERAGE COMPANY IS RUNNING

Popular Drink Meets Requirements of Fastidious Public

Maltina is being manufactured in La Grande. The La Grande Beverage company is running now in the La Grande Brewery plant, making a non-alcoholic but sparkling beverage which the makers find is meeting the demands of the drinking public—soft drinking public of course. The company will make and sell this drink, knowing the desire for a beverage that does not violate the prohibition requirements and still fills the want for malt flavor.

The company is prepared to manufacture maltina in large quantities and feels confident it has a popular

Trip Made in Good Time.

A card received from Pendleton by C. M. Humphreys this morning tells of the arrival there of the Evans auto party in four and a half hours. City Engineer Neal is with them.

Nurse Moves Headquarters.

Miss Irene Rettig, formerly a La Grande nurse has gone to Burns where she will be superintendent of a hospital there.

Death of Mrs. Mary A. Bank

Mrs. Mary A. Bank, aged sixty-eight years, died at her home at the corner of Spruce and Y avenue at an early hour this morning. The deceased is survived by an aged husband. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel and the funeral will be held from the Catholic church Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

AUTO TRUST FORMED

Several Big Companies To Form World's Largest Auto Firm

Toledo, June 3.—Confirmation of reports of the merger of the Willys-Overland and other automobile companies into the biggest motor corporation of the world was given out upon return of President John Willys, from New York this afternoon.

Mason to Attend Grand Lodge

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Noyes leave tonight for Portland and Albany. Mr. Noyes will attend the grand lodge of Masons and Mrs. Noyes will be present at Eastern Star meetings in Portland. Mrs. Morelock representative of the Wallowa chapter of Eastern Star, will accompany them.

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Odd Fellows to Participate

Members of the Odd Fellows' lodge, of which the deceased was a long-time member, will meet at 12:30 at the lodge hall to prepare for the funeral. This lodge will have full charge of the services. Rev. Chas. A. Edwards of the Methodist church will officiate in the pulpit and at the grave.

INDIANS ROUT VILLISTAS.

Lieutenant in Command When Baud Kills Bandit Leader.

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Mrs. Cochran Resting Well.

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BEN W. GRANDY EARLY SETTLER ANSWERS CALL

DEATH OCCURS AFTER PROLONGED ILLNESS AND SLOW SINKING PERIOD

CONTINUOUS RESIDENT OF LA GRANDE SINCE 1883

Early Homestead Taken by Mr. Grandy Is Now the Business Heart of La Grande—Held Public Office and Was Man of Sterling Qualities and Character.

B. W. Grandy, a pioneer of La Grande and one of its best known and respected citizens, died at the family home at 4 o'clock yesterday evening. For several months he has been in poor health and his death has been expected to take place at almost any hour within the past two weeks.

Mr. Grandy was in the 80th year of his age and was among the early arrivals in this valley. His home was maintained through all the years from 1863 to the time of his demise in the same place and his original homestead now constitutes a considerable portion of the city of La Grande. His life was filled with active achievements and he was prominent in La Grande's municipal affairs, serving in the capacity of mayor and councilman and on the school board.

He was married to Lydia Palmer in 1865 and the golden wedding anniversary was celebrated last year. Mrs. Grandy, also of a well-known pioneer family, survives him. The other surviving members of the family include W. D. Grandy, Mrs. Wm. Oesterling and Chas. Grandy, of La Grande; Mrs. Josie Mills, of Alberta, B. C.; Mrs. Sherwood Williams, of Imbler, and Rev. Ben. M. Grandy, of Boise.

The funeral will be held at the church at 2 o'clock Sunday. The body will lie in state from 9 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. at the home, corner Fourth and Adams.

Members of the Odd Fellows' lodge, of which the deceased was a long-time member, will meet at 12:30 at the lodge hall to prepare for the funeral. This lodge will have full charge of the services.

Rev. Chas. A. Edwards of the Methodist church will officiate in the pulpit and at the grave. All Odd Fellows or other friends who can donate automobiles have been asked to notify Roy Clapp at Black 3842 before 9 tomorrow.

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Mrs. Alex Hug of Elgin is convalescent after an operation at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Henderson Clark of South La Grande continues to improve at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Imbler Barn Burns.

Imbler, June 3.—(Special)—At noon today a barn owned by L. A. Stringham was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. A bucket brigade saved a garage about 10 feet distant, and also prevented a spread to the Stringham home or the Connors and Dr. Moore residences, just across the street. The loss was striking.

MRS. H. WEST DEAD.

Mother of Roscoe West Passed Away at the Noon Hour Today.

Mrs. Hannah West, who has been making a prolonged visit with her son Roscoe West of West La Grande, died at the noon hour today. Interment will take place in Dayton, Wash., but on Monday afternoon funeral services will be conducted in the Bohnenkamp chapel. Rev. Chas. A. Edwards officiating.