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ORPET'S ACQUITTAL SEEMS A CERTAINTY

ALLIES TAKE MORE LINES

GERMANS BACK FOUR MILES FROM POINT WHERE OFFENSIVE STARTED

WORLD-FAMOUS MECCA TAKEN BY ARAB REBELS

English Contend "All Is Well at the English Front." Germans Fall Back Before French Lines Because of English Success—Submarine Sinks Boat.

London, July 15.—Germans at one point have been forced back to the third line defenses, four miles behind their original front, Gen. Haig has reported this afternoon. An official statement said:

"All is well at the British front. We have pushed our rear from Fricourt to Mametz, capturing 2000 prisoners in 24 hours. The total number of prisoners since the beginning of the offensive is now 10,000. In addition we have taken large quantities of material."

Heavy German counter attacks have slowed the momentum of the British advance. British encountered stubborn resistance and steady machine gun fire north of Longueval and important new gains since last night were not expected.

Special dispatches from Paris this morning reported Germans had retired on the French front adjoining the British. The British advance made the retreat necessary.

Famous Mecca Falls
Cairo, July 15.—The famous city of Mecca, the most holy place in the Mohammedan world, has surrendered to Arabian rebels, dispatches declared today. The Turkish garrison of 100 officers and 2500 men laid down their arms.

Austrians Sink Italian Ship
Berlin, July 15.—(Wireless to Sayville)—An Austrian submarine sunk an Italian destroyer of the Indomito type, the Austrian admiral has announced.

MARBLEHEAD UNDER WAY

Trumpeter Crushes Fingers of Both Hands Ere Boat Starts

Portland, July 15.—Hauling in the gang plank the cruiser Marblehead aboard which is the naval militia started on her Alaskan cruise this morning. Trumpeter Terrill of the marine section, crushed the fingers of both hands and probably necessitates amputation.

The Oregon, Washington and California militiamen met at Port Angeles Tuesday and start on a four-night's cruise.

GAS TEST MADE

Further Investigation of La Grande Project Being Made

F. A. Rasch, gas expert for the public service commission, has returned from La Grande, where he made an inspection of the feasibility of a proposed gas plant to be established there for the utilization of wood waste, relates the Portland Journal and then goes on to say:

Mr. Rasch said he found a working model of the proposed plant producing a large amount of gas of heat values slightly below values obtained from coal but of extremely low cost of production. He will tabulate his calorimeter tests and make a report to the corporation commissioner for guidance in recognizing the promoters of the venture.

CARS OFF TRACK

Switching in Yards Stalled for a Few Hours This Morning

Two freight cars jumped a switch track in the east end of the yards early this morning and the wreck was called out to fix matters. Little damage was done. By 9:30 switching was resumed without further delay.

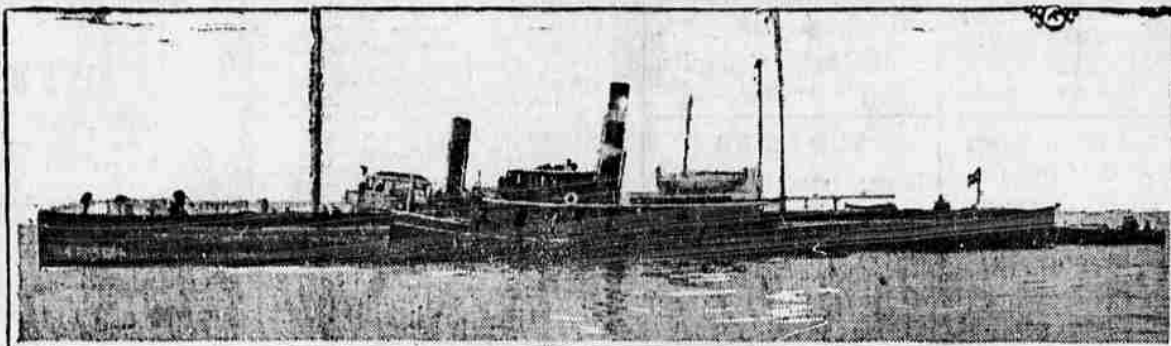
JAMES HAY NOMINATED

President Sends Name of Congressman to Senate for Court Post

Washington, July 15.—President Wilson has nominated Congressman James Hay of Virginia, to be judge of the United States court of claims.

UNCLE SAM DECLARES DEUTSCHLAND IS A PEACEFUL SHIP

PICTURE OF THE SUPER-SUBMARINE DEUTSCHLAND AND HER COMMANDER CAPT. KOENIG.



GIRDLER RESIGNS OGDEN OFFICE

DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS HELP TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

School Board at Ogden Accepts Tender for One Reason Only.

Ogden, July 12.—John Girdler, recently appointed by the board of education to succeed John M. Mills as superintendent of the Ogden city schools, tendered his resignation to the board a few days ago and it was accepted at a special meeting last night. He was formally appointed a week ago. The letter of resignation follows:

"Board of Education, Ogden, Utah. "Gentlemen—Kindly accept my resignation as superintendent of Ogden public schools to take effect immediately. An offer in a different line of work has made this step advisable and necessary. Thanking you for the compliment of my election, I ask to remain,

"Very truly yours,

"JOHN GIRDLER."

A statement was made to representatives of the press by H. H. Henderson, chairman of the teachers' committee before the regular meeting of the board, in which he outlined the cause of Mr. Girdler's resignation. He said that recently, since the appointment made by the Ogden board, Mr. Girdler had filed suit for divorce from Mrs. Girdler on the grounds of incompatibility of temper. He advised the board of his domestic trouble, Mr. Henderson said, upon his return to this city and asked the pleasure of the members. Mr. Henderson said the members of the board considered that a man with the weight and worries of a divorce case upon his mind could not give the proper attention to the school work, so his resignation was accepted. Mr. Girdler, Mr. Henderson, said came to this city highly recommended by the citizens of La Grande, Ore.

An effort to interview Mr. Girdler to get his side of the story of his resignation brought out the fact that he is out of town, but the clerk of the board of education and all others concerned said they understood the divorce proceedings are the direct cause of Mr. Girdler's resignation.

H. H. Henderson and W. H. Williams, the teachers' committee, recommended the following list of principals of the public schools, with the amount of salary: D. H. Adams, \$1,900; Josephine Seaman, \$1,275; W. L. Underwood, \$1,600; M. June Pierce, \$1,325; Henry Barker, \$1,550; J. W. Wintle, \$1,550; J. A. Junk, \$1,325; Ina E. Grave, \$1,425; George C. Ensign, \$1,200; Jessie M. Marsh, \$1,000. No recommendations have been made at present for teachers of the high school, but several of the positions are being considered.

NAVY YARDS WIN

Weeks' Attempt to Forestall Equipment Failed

Washington, July 15.—The senate has defeated Weeks' attempt to prevent immediate equipment of the Bremerton, Norfolk, Philadelphia and Boston navy yards for battleship construction. A move to reconsider yesterday's action was beaten.

REFUGEES ARRIVE

Americans Fleeing from Mexico June 20th Tell of Hardships

San Diego, July 15.—Bringing 55 refugees from Mexico the naval collier Nanshan has arrived from Lapaz. Passengers had been on shipboard since June 20. American Consul McPherson at Guaymas, was among the refugees, who said soldiers confiscated all their foodstuffs and the civilian population is subsisting on fruit and a meager allowance of flour.

Many After Sagehens

The sagehen ban was lifted today and many auto loads of hunters went out to kill the birds. Telocaset was the most popular destination.



This photo shows the German submarine, the Deutschland, the first merchant U-boat ever operated and the first submarine to cross the Atlantic without a convoy of other ships, as she looked when she arrived at Baltimore Monday morning, after a trip of 3800 miles, which took 15 days. The great length of the U-boat is shown by comparison to the tugboat, the Timmons, which towed the submarine up Chesapeake bay from the Virginia capes and was standing alongside when the photograph was taken. The Deutschland is 300 feet long, has a displacement of about 2000 tons and a speed of 14 knots an hour.

Washington, July 15.—The state department has announced it considers the Deutschland a peaceful ship in spite of allied protests. Acting Secretary Polk will not make a formal decision, but formally notified Secretary McAdoo of his opinion. It is announced the decision perhaps will not establish a precedent as arrival of another submarine will be treated as a separate and independent case. Polk is displeased at morning newspaper stories purporting to relate the findings of the neutrality board. He said reports did the board injury. It couldn't reveal contents of the report.

COVE DEGREE TEAM IS WINNER

By midnight tonight the annual Union County association of Odd Fellows will have come to an auspicious end. During this afternoon the finishing touches to formal business of both Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are being administered at the park and tonight the two branches come to town to meet each in its own hall for drills and a generally good time.

Yesterday afternoon the business session at the park heard various matters brought up, but adjournment was taken before the slate was cleared. However, Cove was selected as the next meeting place and Thomas Harris of Cove was elected president to succeed President Ford of this city. Mrs. Parker of Elgin is vice president.

Last evening after a parade headed by the Elks' band, competitive drills were held and in these Cove won the banner.

Thompson's band of Island City is on the job at the park this afternoon while some of the speakers on this morning's program didn't appear, the afternoon and evening outline will likely be followed closely. Yesterday several men of Odd Fellow prominence were heard at the park, these including Past Grandmasters Taylor, Kirkpatrick and Alexander of Pendleton.

Tonight the first degree will be exemplified by the Elgin Rebekah degree team at Rex hall and at the I

CARNIVAL PLANS WELL ESTABLISHED

NOISE AND FIRE TO RUN RIFE JULY 22

Fully 200 Parade Automobiles Being Guaranteed By the Public—Floats To Be Many

That the parade committee will realize its full ambition and have 200 cars in the decorated automobile parade to be held at 10 a. m. July 22 as official opening of the grand prix, was the announcement given out this morning. By steady and persistent work the committeemen are seeing practically every car owner in La Grande and are meeting with fine success. In addition to the big "Prosperity" float the Arcade theater is putting up, the Elks' lodge has a fine float under way and N. K. West will have two fine cars in the parade.

While the parade committee is having good success, the entertainment section is also busy. Girls went out today to sell buttons to pay for the expense of a 20-piece band to play during the mardi gras. Red fire, horns and genuine carnival spirit will prevail and be in free use. The official mardi gras space will include the intersections at Elm and Adams and Depot and Adams and the block between. Plank seats will be installed and the band is to be located on the sidewalk in front of the Hill's department store.

A supply of red fire and balloons is being laid in stock to officially open festivities that night as soon as it is dark.

The list of prizes to be given for best cars, to which the sale of buttons will partially apply, will be announced next week.

SPORT PROGRAM SHAPES

July 20 To Be Big Night for Club Membership.

A smoker program culminating in a big banquet at the Foley hotel, given for visiting and competing riders in the grand prix, has been shaped by the entertainment headed by Secretary E. Vehrs of the Speed 'Em Up club. Bobby Lyman and Vic Berger, the former for six years undefeated batonweight champion of the Northwest and now retired, and the latter a powerful heavyweight, will be the main attraction. Both live here. Mr. Berger will box preliminaries with two other men and Mr. Lyman will take on a preliminary. This program is entirely a benefit to the club. At the close of the smoker which takes place in the old Elks' auditorium, the festivities will move to the Foley.

Members can reserve plates by seeing the entertainment committee or E. Vehrs. They must be reserved early. The outline of events will let riders and club members become intimately acquainted for the grand prix and officially liberate the "Speed 'Em Up" bug.

EXPENDITURES LIMITED

House Passes Corrupt Practices Act Controlling Campaigns

Washington, July 15.—The house has passed the Rucker corrupt practices act, the last measure on the administration program. It fixes \$50,000 as the limit of expenditure for a presidential candidate and \$25,000 for vice-president; \$5,000 for the senatorship and \$2,500 for congressmen.

BRITISH SHIP AGROUND

Channel Which German U-Boat Must Traverse Blocked Today

Norfolk, July 15.—The British steamer Junin is aground on Cape Henry, near the channel through which the Deutschland must pass. The Junin is in no danger and tugs have gone to her assistance.

Klamath Trout Distributed.
There are 300,000 trout fry at the Spencer Creek hatchery ready to be distributed in the waters of Klamath county.

RULING BY JUDGE FIRM

DEFENSE PREDICTED CERTAIN ACQUITTAL WHEN JURY RETIRED

CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF MOTIVE WAS REQUIRED

Jury Advised Four Verdicts Are Possible Ranging from Death Sentence to Indeterminate Sentence—State Not Chagrined by Court Ruling.

Waukegan, Ill., July 15.—When the jury trying Wm. Orpet for Marion Lambert's murder retired today, it carried instructions which the defense believed precluded anything but acquittal.

"Nothing short of proof so clear and convincing as to exclude a reasonable hypothesis of innocence will satisfy the man. Without such proof, the jury must find him innocent," Judge Donnelly declared.

Instructions didn't chagrin the prosecution as Prosecutor Daddy believed a motive for the murder had been established.

Four verdicts are possible: Acquittal, guilty with death, guilty with life imprisonment, or guilty with an indeterminate sentence. The instructions came after a dramatic closing plea by Special Prosecutor Joslyn.

The judge said, "If evidence shows Marion had the same opportunity of taking the poison herself that Orpet had of administering it, the verdict should be innocent."

Orpet's case went to the hands of the jury at 1:50 this afternoon. The judge required a half hour to finish his instructions.

WILL OPEN THIS EVENING

Hermann Roesch Has New Place For Refreshments and Amusement

This evening Hermann Roesch's place in the new and modern building just completed, and which was specially designed and constructed for the purpose for which it is to be used, will be open to the public.

The proprietor will cater to the public with all kinds of soft drinks, including the famous Malta, and other beverages of the approved kind. The dispensing counter is new and finely arranged. In this connection there will also be a short order and quick lunch service which will be in charge of the skilled expert in that line, Chas. Miller.

The up-stairs portion of the building contains a new and up-to-the-minute bowling alley. This part of the equipment is pronounced by traveling men and others to be among the best in the state.

The whole interior of the building is newly equipped and inviting, as will be a matter of self-demonstration to all who attend the grand opening which takes place this evening.

COLLIER CREW SAFE

The Hector Broker in Two But All Aboard Rescued

Charleston, July 15.—A wireless today confirmed that all aboard the naval collier Hector were saved after the ship was broken in two and abandoned late last night. The crew is aboard the tug Wilmington and Tender Cypress.

Three were injured, two seriously, before the crew and marines aboard the Hector abandoned her. The chief engineer and one fireman were seriously hurt and a carpenter's leg was broken. The survivors landed at Charleston later in the day.

Biggest Copper Mine "Suspends."

Calumet, Mich., July 15.—The biggest and richest copper mine in the world, the Calumet and Hecla, suspended business today despite the enormous war boom business that's keeping all mines on the jump, to entertain its 20,000 employees and their families in commemoration of the semi-centennial of the discovery of the rich property. Gold, silver and bronze medals were presented to 1,255 veteran employees by President Agassiz, 163 of whom have worked for the company over 40 years. Timothy O'Shea, who worked the first pit of the mine 50 years and six months ago, refuses to retire on his pension.

Town with 11 Saloons Votes Today.
Lexington, Mo., July 15.—Lexington today is voting on local option. With a population of less than 6,000, this town has 14 saloons, 11 of them in one block.