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'SPEED' EM UP' THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL CRY

DEUTSCHLAND FILES PAPERS FOR LEAVING

CRAFT GUARDED ALL NIGHT DURING STORM BY MYSTERIOUS VESSEL

U-BOAT MAY AWAIT THE BREMEN AND HER ESCORT

While Rumors Say Boat Will Not Start Until Bremen Arrives, Which May Be Monday, Officials Have Filed Clearance Papers—Heavy Escort Expected.

Baltimore, July 22.—Deutschland representatives have filed clearance papers but Customs Collector Ryan stated soon afterwards clearance has not yet been granted.

Baltimore, July 22.—The Deutschland remained docked today. It is reported she is awaiting the Bremen's arrival—the Bremen is due Monday. It is also rumored a fleet of fighting submarines is escorting her and may meet the Deutschland outside the Virginia capes to help run the blockade. A terrific thunder storm broke last night. Newspapermen in launches dimly saw the gray-green hulk of the Deutschland amid lightning flashes. A mysterious steamer nearby flashed unintelligible signals.

Allied Patrol Restless Norfolk, July 22.—The allied patrol off the Virginia Capes are restless. There are two cruisers five miles off from the shore.

Preparedness Parade in Frisco

San Francisco, July 22.—Approximately fifty thousand persons were in the preparedness parade today. These included members of the civilian training camp at Monterey. There were many fraternal and patriotic organizations represented. All business houses in the city are closed.

Speeders At Kansas City

Kansas City, July 22.—Rickenbacker was leading the twelve drivers who started in the hundred mile Derby speedway at 1:50 this afternoon. He was compelled to quit, however, on the thirty-second lap on account of a broken water connection.

Modern Woodmen Will Have Picnic

The Modern Woodmen, including all the lodges of that order in Union county, will have a picnic at Riverside park on Labor Day.

40 Killed by Lightning.

Mexico City, July 22.—Forty persons, including several soldiers and women, were killed during a severe lightning and rain storm in the suburbs of Mexico City yesterday.

Most of the deaths occurred at San Gregorio, Acapulco and near Xochimilco.

Bank Gets Ton of Silver.

Salem, Or., July 22.—Nearly a ton of silver dollars and half dollars—to be exact, 1782 pounds—was received by a Salem bank today from the mint at San Francisco. The shipment was valued at \$33,000 and bank officials said it was made to relieve the scarcity of small change in this section.

Although the coins for the greater part were minted in 1879, they were bright as on the day they were coined, having been in the Federal vaults ever since.

Murderer Apprehended.

El Paso, July 24.—Sheriff Walton has brought Harry Spannell here. He is charged with murdering his wife and Lieutenant Colonel Butler at Alpine. Spannell is apparently dazed and refused to tell why he shot the couple after inviting them to go motoring.

Aged Indian Fighters March

San Francisco, July 22.—Veterans of the Civil War, Spanish War Veterans and aged men who participated in the Indian campaigns in the early days in California were the most prominent figures in San Francisco's preparedness parade here today. It was estimated when the parade began that between 15,000 and 20,000 men would have marched past the reviewing stand before the demonstration was finished. All the fraternal organizations of the city were represented, each marching as an individual unit.

MOTOR CLUB RACE PROGRAM.

First Day, July 22. First Race—Five mile, restricted to local riders. Free for all 7 H. P. machines. Purse \$50.

Second Race—Ten mile, restricted to Northwest riders. Free for all 7 H. P. machines. Purse \$50.

Third Race—Trials for track record. Open to all and free for all seven horse power machines. The four machines making the best time qualify for final trial on following day. The best time made on either the 22d or 23rd shall determine the winner.

Fourth race—Northwestern Grand Prize: Fifty miles restricted to Northwestern riders on 7 H. P. machines S. S. Race to determine the Northwest championship. Purse \$200. Divided, \$100, \$50, \$35, \$15.

Fifth Race—Open to all and free for all 7 H. P. machines. 5 miles. Purse \$25.

Second Day, July 23. First Race—Five miles, restricted to local riders. Free for all 7 H. P. machines. Purse \$50.

Second Race—Ten miles. Open to all and free for all 7 H. P. machines. Purse \$25.00.

Fourth Race—Final trials for track record. Purse \$50.

Fifth Race—Far Western Grand Prize: 100 miles. Open to all riders on 7 H. P. machines S. S. Purse \$500. Divided \$250, \$75, \$35, \$15.

All machines shall have not over 61 cu. in. displacement. Free for all 7 H. P. events shall include open ported motors. All purses of \$50 shall be divided \$25, \$15, \$10. All purses of \$25 shall be divided \$15, \$10.

PLAGUE WORSE THAN BEFORE

DOCTORS ASTOUNDED AT VIRILE REAPPEARANCE.

Adjoining States Refuse Admission of Fleeing New Yorkers.

New York, July 22.—Infantile paralysis has again increased. Physicians are astounded. They believed the plague was conquered but official reports showed 39 deaths in 24 hours, the heaviest since the paralysis outbreak. There are 135 new cases.

New Jersey and Connecticut cities are refusing to admit hundreds of New Yorkers who are attempting to reach their summer homes.

JONAS W. DICKEY DEAD.

Another of La Grande's Early Citizens Answers Final Summons.

Relatives in La Grande have received word of the death of Jonas W. Dickey, which took place at his home near Portland at 2 o'clock this morning. Mr. Dickey was one among the earliest settlers in this valley and for a long time made his home in La Grande where his chief occupation was that of a wagon-maker. His wife, who was one of the original Baker family, died about two years ago. There were two children, a son, Edward, and a daughter, Mrs. Laura Boynton. Mr. Dickey was about 80 years of age.

The remains will be brought to La Grande and the funeral will be held from the Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Watson Millions Go To Make Little Crippled Girls Happy

Pittsburgh, July 21.—David T. Watson's millions will go to make little crippled girls happy. The noted lawyer, who died here in February left his fortune to his wife, Mrs. Margaret H. W. Watson, with the request that at her death the money should go to found a home for crippled female children between the ages of 3 and 16.

A few days ago Mrs. Watson died at "Sunny Hill," the summer home at Leetsdale. Her will showed that she faithfully carried out her husband's wishes. The estate is valued at \$3,000,000. According to the directions the home is to be founded and well endowed. A special clinic will restore to normal those crippled children who may be treated that way.

Mid West Polo Enthusiasts

Hawthorne Race Track, Chicago, July 22.—Polo enthusiasts in the middle west raced for honors today in the "gentlemen's race" on polo ponies over a four furlong course, as a feature event of the fourteen day race meeting here. The Whip and Spur, Wheaton and Onwentsia clubs had entries.

PARADE THRILLS THOUSANDS WHO CHEER ENTRIES

SPLENDID ARRAY OF PLEASURE AND FLOAT CARS PASS IN REVIEW AT 10:30

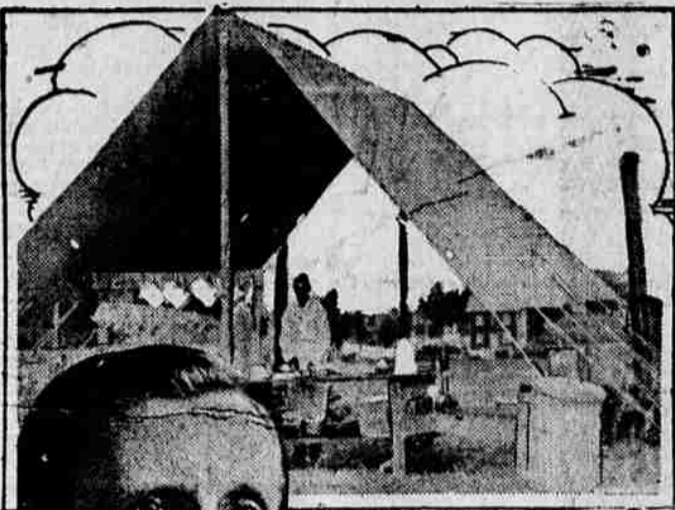
MARY PENNINGTON FIRST MRS. SCROGGIN SECOND

Home Independent Telephone Company Winner of First Place in the Business Floats With N. K. West Second Best—Big Variety of Floats Dot Parade.

Passing in review before thousands of admiring eyes, La Grande's Speed 'Em Up automobile and business float parade this morning drew unstinted praise and compliment. It was a show worth while, introducing novel ideas and floats. Miss Mary Jane Pennington and a group of co-decorators, captured first prize for decorated pleasure cars, with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scroggin a close second. Third honors went to the Mrs. Leiter car carrying Miss Prosperity. Judges pronounced Miss Pennington winner after long and careful study, the largeness of the winning car being influential in determining the winner over the smaller Scroggin car. Both were most handsomely equipped and peopled. It was not the intention of Mrs. Leiter to have her car compete, it being a conveyance for Miss Prosperity and her maids.

Among the business floats section, the Home Independent Telephone company scored highest, capturing the blue ribbon. N. K. West & Co., was

VETERAN OF INDIAN WARS IS "MOTHER" OF BOYS ON BORDER.



MAJ. GEN. JAS. B. ALESHIRE

Major general in charge of quartermaster's department and view of army kitchen.

Uncle Sam's fighting men, away from their sheltered homes, are virtually proteges of Maj. Gen. James B. Aleshire, an old Indian fighter and Philippine veteran, quartermaster general of the U. S. A.

Gen. Aleshire's bureau takes the place of mother, wife or sweetheart.

GERMANS HIDE UNDER STRONG STEEL GUARDS

REINFORCED SHELTERS UNDER GROUND PROTECT MEN WITH GREAT SUCCESS

ARTILLERY DUEL UNDER WAY AT BRITISH FRONT

Frenchmen Occupy Heights, Fighting Attacking Germans Below Them—Verdun Fighting Largely Abated While Men Hie to Allied Offensive Lines Paris Reports.

Paris, July 22.—French have repulsed German attacks at Milna, Soustouvent, Fumin, Fleury and North Saint Die. It is announced French airships Friday dropped 115 heavy shells on Metzablon and Vosges with great damage. A German aeroplane was destroyed while attempting to pursue the raiders. A German aeroplane fell with no damage.

New Protection Found.

London, July 22.—Gen. Haig has reported an intense artillery duel is raging at the British front and has continued 12 hours. Germans poured gas shells at the British front lines and British drove the Germans from the last natural defenses and have encountered strong third line positions. Attackers found the Germans deep under ground, beneath steel reinforced shelters. Only the heaviest artillery fire affects such defenses.

German Verdun pressure has practically ceased as troops are sent to meet the Allied offensive. The French Peronne sector has advantage of fighting from heights against the enemy below. Teutons face a flanking movement there and may evacuate Poye, Lassigny, Ham and Lafere.

Berlin Reviews Situation

Berlin, July 22.—It is announced Russian attacks are growing feebler and attempts to cross the Dvina at both sides of Friederichstadt have failed. North of Dvanten a small detachment crossed the river and northeast of Smorgren a small German field guard retreated before superior forces.

Gen. Hindenberg has reported the Russian attack southeast of Riga has been defeated and Linsingen has reported Russians captured salient positions at Werben by an unexpected encircling attack.

Submarines sank six British trawlers off the east coast July 17th. Authorities have ordered the release of the British steamer Adam, as an investigation showed a German torpedo boat captured the vessel within the Swedish waters. A Swedish dispatch said a Russian submarine in Bottian Bay, Swedish waters, fired a torpedo at the German steamer Elbe. The Hague has reported the British confiscated the first-class mail liner Ryndyani en route from Dutch West Indies to Rotterdam.

Russians Contradict Berlin

Petrograd, July 22.—Dispatches said General Brusiloff is progressing steadily toward the Galician border southwest of Lutsk. He crossed the swollen Lipa and Styr rivers despite enemy fire.

Whole Austrian units are surrendering and cavalry is approaching Brody from Verben. Riga dispatches declared Kurapatkin has crossed the three of Hindenberg's trench lines near Riga. The first big batch of German prisoners has arrived at Riga.

Germans Claim Allies Failed.

Berlin, July 22.—It is announced that the Allies were unable to continue the attack on German western lines, following repeated repulses. The report further says: "Lively artillery duels have continued uninterrupted. Several dozen British were captured in Toraux, Wood, and German patrols captured fourteen French northwest of Saint Drest. Several of the enemy's air craft caused damage to civilians. One woman was wounded and three children were killed at Leon."

Sold Her Life for a Pair of Shoes.

Winnipeg, Man., July 22.—Wasylna Vonysek, young and fair, sold her life to Steve Baryck for a pair of shoes, it is said. They were pretty shoes, with high French heels and anything French in Canada today is sure to attract attention. She promised to marry Steve and live with him for life if he would buy the shoes, Steve says. He did. The contract was brought into court today for a test of its validity.

ELKS AND "Y" OPEN THEIR DOORS

VISITORS HAVE PLACES TO REST AND VISIT.

Open Doors Kept by These Two Institutions During the Race Meet.

Elks and directors of the Y. M. C. A. are going to keep open house during the Speed 'Em Up races. Coming forward with a fine civic spirit both institutions have thrown open their doors to visitors who can idle away spare moments, rest or worship at either place at any time. The spacious Elks' home is open not only to members but to all visitors in La Grande and all who so desire may utilize the lounging rooms and get a moment's rest. The same is true at the Y. M. C. A.

"Welcome, visitors" is the password to these places, both this afternoon, this evening and tomorrow. Any person can utilize the facilities.

RECRUITING OPENS JULY 23.

Captain Lee M. Clark Will Visit La Grande to Obtain Recruits.

Captain Lee M. Clark and a recruiting party will be in La Grande on July 23, 24 and 25 in connection with the recruiting campaign to enlist men for service on the Mexican border with the Oregon troops now there. These men will fill vacancies when they left, or because of rejections or discharged because of physical examinations or by the return of married men, under a recent order of the war department. All told, 1,000 recruits will be added.

All men are to go to the border. The first train load is scheduled to go in a short time. In the meantime men will be drilled and instructed at Camp Withycombe, at Clackamas. Applications can be made directly to the recruiting parties for enlistment.

An appeal to young men, issued by Captain Kenneth P. Williams, reads: "Young men, your country needs you. Able bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 are wanted to fill vacancies in the infantry, field artillery and cavalry. You will be fully equipped and thoroughly trained and obtain experience that will be valuable in years to come. Do you know that many of the commissioned officers in the army rose from the ranks? This opportunity is yours. Why not take it?"

"The wages of the soldier are from \$15 to \$45 per month. In addition to pay, all clothing, rations and medical attendance are furnished free.

"When your comrades return from the front covered with glory, do you want to be among the ones that remained at home? Young men, think seriously, and if there are any points you do not understand, please apply to your local postmaster for information, and if the information you seek cannot be furnished by him, address Captain Kenneth P. Williams, Chief Muster Officer, Clackamas, Oregon.

"If you believe in Preparedness, now is the time to act.

"Men accepted for enlistment will be sent directly to the border. Transportation will be furnished free of cost to you from the nearest railroad station to the mobilization camp at Clackamas, upon application to your local postmaster or to the recruiting officer who will visit you."

TELEGRAMS AT RACES.

Telephone and Telegraph Facilities Provided for Patrons.

At considerable expense to themselves, the Home Independent Telephone company and the Western Union have each provided for service at the grounds. If telegrams arrive for anyone—a telegram of importance—who happens to be at the races this afternoon or tomorrow, he will be paged via the grounds telephone system, and telegrams delivered to him. On the other hand telegrams may be sent from the grounds, and reports of the races will go out to the press services for distribution throughout the United States via the grounds stations. Anyone desiring to may call town during either day via the pay station route. Hence good service to and from the station is provided. Anyone expecting a telegram should leave his probable location in the press box.

Excavation Is Finished.

S. R. Hiatt & Son have completed their contract for the excavation for the basement of the La Grande Grocery company's new building. The full size of the basement, 108x110 feet has been excavated to the depth of six feet. The concrete work will begin next week.

Early Crowds Orderly.

There has been marked order in the presence of strangers and visitors in La Grande and the customary disturbances that follow in the wake of big gatherings have been practically nil. However, the police department is prepared to give special protection from undesirables who may float in while the races are under way.

MISS PROSPERITY FIRST ROYAL GUEST TO ARRIVE

La Grande hotels are overflowing. Anyone with rooms to rent, or who has a spare bedroom, should notify either of the hotels this afternoon as soon as possible, or Adolph Newlin or A. V. Andrews. This is imperative. There are hundreds of available rooms in town if visitors only knew where to go. Telephone the street address and the charges to the places noted. Unless many visitors shall be denied a bed tonight, residents must respond to the appeal for rooms.

La Grande, awoke this morning early—bright and early, in fact, to clear the decks for the first formal function of the 1916 Speed 'Em Up races. Miss Leona Newlin, impersonating Miss Prosperity reached La Grande on No. 17 and was received by a group of Elks. The movie man was there and snapped her arrival fully. She next appeared at the head of the parade, and then, the parade over, she went to the Dennis home where an informal reception to a great crowd of kiddies was held, that in turn followed by a reception to leading club women.

As soon as her reception gowns were substituted for the sport clothes suitable for the oval, she headed in state for the race track and there occupied a lodge with her maids of honor. Miss Prosperity had a busy day of it and was vociferously welcomed.

Street Dance Tonight.

After the parade today, interests commenced to center on the race track, but this evening Adams avenue will be the scene of dancing, carnival spirit and fireworks. The whole universe has an invitation to come out. Merchants will have charge and mingle with the dancers. The band will play and it promises to be a gala night in which the visiting strangers are to have first rights to the streets.

Tonight's festivities close the straight-out fun end of the game, and tomorrow the races will be the sole attraction save the arrival of the Pendleton special train just before 10 o'clock.

All merchants are asked to be at the train to welcome the visitors.

Hotels Running Over.

As early as 9 o'clock this morning the hotels were filled. Citizens must throw open their homes to accommodate the strangers tonight.

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