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EDITOR M'CLURE DENIED ADMITTANCE TO ENGLAND

Publishers' "Activities in Germany" Held Responsible—Others Denied Right to Land.

London, June 26.—British authorities have informed Ambassador Page this afternoon that S. S. McClure, the American publisher, must leave England Saturday. The British dislike McClure on account of his "activities in Germany." McClure arrived aboard the liner Philadelphia yesterday.

The British also plan to expel Saturday, Thomas Kelly and wife, and Joseph Smith, held aboard the Philadelphia. Irish relief funds.

Uncle Sam Would Know Why.
Washington, July 26.—It is learned the government intends to ask Britain why it refused to admit Kelly and wife and Joseph Smith. Ambassador Page's report was received here this morning.

Leaves for Chicago.

Tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. Mac Wood will drive to Portland where Mrs. Wood will remain with her daughter while Mr. Wood journeys to Chicago to attend a meeting of the R. C. U. He will return by way of Portland and will drive home from there. They will be absent from La Grande until about August 20th.

PICNIC PROMISING.

Baptist Sunday School and Congregation Outline Program.

The Baptist Sunday School, church and congregation will hold a picnic at Riverside park next Friday. Conveyances will be provided, leaving the Baptist church at 10 a. m. A program will be rendered at 8 o'clock in the evening.

NEW RECORDS CATALOGUED.

Innovation in School Records Promulgated in This County.

Innovations in cataloguing individual records of each pupil in all schools of the state, a requirement introduced by State Superintendent Churchill, have been commenced in Union county. Assisted by Gladys Last, School Superintendent Ivanhoe is listing exhaustive records of each pupil, noting standings in grades, general attainments, and other data which will give a comprehensive perspective of each pupil during the period covered by the eight lower grades. From year to year the individual records will be added to, and when complete will contain all that might be interesting or profitable information. These records go on file in the county superintendent's office.

Dangers in Alaskan Waters.

Washington, July 26.—A report of a recent survey by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey Steamer Patterson which is operating in Kash-evarof passage and the northwest end of Clarence Strait, Alaska, indicates that the channel between Blashke Island on the north and Rose Rock on the south is extremely dangerous.

Several dangerous uncharted rocks have been discovered almost completely blocking this channel. On the existing charts, which are based upon a reconnaissance made in 1886, this channel is shown to be clear. These dangers were made the subject of an advance notice to mariners issued by the commanding officer of the Patterson in Alaska and by the sub-office of the Survey at Seattle, Wash. The results obtained this season demonstrate the necessity for a close hydrographic development, supplemented by wire-drag work, in these waters as soon as practicable.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT.

Program Is Fine Selection of Classics and Popular Airs.

Tonight at Washington and Depot streets the Elks' band will render another of its popular concerts. Director J. David Haines has picked the following popular and classic selections, including a baritone solo by O. G. Crawford:
March—Idle a Park Seitz
Selection—Prince of Pilsen Landers
Baritone Solo—The Song that Reached My Heart Jordan
Mr. Crawford
Overture—Barber of Seville. Rossini
Fox Trot—Ballin' the Jack Smith
Waltz—Cecilia Maurice
March—I Love You That's One Thing I Know Gilbert
J. David Haines, Director.

INSTRUCTION CAMP LIKED.

Monterey Scene of Intense Military Training These Days.

First-hand information from the military instruction camps at Monterey, Cal., is sent to La Grande from L. Ivanhoe, of San Francisco, who is enjoying the strenuous but intensely interesting lessons. The drill is persistent, running eight hours daily except Saturday afternoons and Sunday. It is claimed that the instructions are so comprehensive they accomplish more in a month than that which might be taught during a whole year of national guard drill where companies meet once a week and for a week or two in the year at encampments. The Automobile Dealers association of San Francisco transported 500 office boys and young men from San Francisco to the camps, Mr. Ivanhoe writes to his mother in this city.

BORDER PATROL A NECESSITY; WINTER SUPPLIES ASKED FOR

Columbus, July 26.—General Trevino withdrew with his cavalry patrols from the vicinity of American lines in northern Chihuahua yesterday. Pershing's scouts have failed to encounter Mexican troops for many days and fears of repetition of the Carrizal incident are entirely gone. It is not known whether Carranzistas have withdrawn for a Villa campaign southward.

Quartermasters of the New Mexico and Massachusetts militia are preparing to requisition for winter clothing and tent stoves.

Border Patrol Necessary
Washington, July 26.—President Wilson wrote to Mrs. Henry Smith of Indiana, today, saying the militia border services are "necessary to protect the United States, not merely for drill purposes."

DREADNAUGHT STRUCK

Meager Advices From Berlin Tells of British Loss Again

Berlin, July 26.—The admiralty announced a German submarine torpedoed the British dreadnaught *Twiself* off Orkney Islands July 20th.

TEACHERS COMING SOON.

Superintendent Coming Next Week. Principal Soon Thereafter.

Word received from Linden McCullough, superintendent-elect of La Grande schools, is to the effect he will leave Eugene where he is sojourning, for La Grande so as to arrive here Monday and take up the administration of affairs preliminary to opening school next fall. It is likewise reported that A. C. Hampton, principal-elect of the high school, will be in La Grande about the middle of August.

"Buy a Yard of Lumber" New Sign

Chicago, July 26.—Along with fancy ribbons, women's silk hose and sport shirts, lumber can now be bought over the counter at department stores, it was discovered here today.

It can be bought by the yard, odd lengths can be secured in the bargain basement, and various kinds of fancy grains are carried for the more particular lumber customers.

The reporter went out to investigate. Entering a loop department store he queried the floor walker who conducted him to the "lumber yard."

"Yes, this is the lumber counter," said the sales girls, and the reporter learned that he could secure wood with which to make a kitchen cabinet or he might buy a piece with a knot in it out of which he could model a wooden leg.

"Lumber at three cents a stick," and "Buy a Yard of Lumber" are examples of the bargain cards placed at the lumber counters.

Department store lumber yards are a reality in thirty-six large cities in the country the store people here declared today. One western firm makes a specialty of jobbing this lumber, supplying odd lengths and short pieces of lumber that would otherwise go to waste.

PARALYSIS INCREASE IS AGAIN NOTED

New York, July 26.—Health office reported that infantile paralysis plague has increased. There are 163 new cases and 35 deaths during the past day. A total of 3200 cases and 682 deaths since the plague developed are reported by authorities today.

PROTEST PROMULGATED

President and "Premier" Go Over British Blacklisting Order

Washington, July 26.—President Wilson and Secretary Polk conferred today. It is declared they will register a strong protest to the British blacklisting of American firms. Polk heard numerous complaints the past week and says he has amply sufficient ground to base a vigorous protest on.

MORE REWARDS OFFERED

Eight Death Results—Criminal Believed To Be in Frisco

San Francisco, July 26.—Bomb outrage rewards now total \$15,000.00. Chief White said he believed the criminal is hiding here and will arrest him within two days.
Mrs. Kinsley Van Loo died at Adler sanitarium making a total of eight deaths.

RULING WITHOUT BEARING.

Salem, July 26.—Attorney General Brown said today Circuit Judge Morrow's decision declaring a portion of the Oregon dry law unconstitutional does not affect enforcement of the statute. He declared the state will continue prosecuting offenders as heretofore, until the Supreme court has ruled.

BIG PURCHASE SURE

Formal Announcement of Protection to Panama Canal Is Due.

Washington, July 26.—Formal announcement of American purchase of the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000 is imminently expected today.

Chinese Dies After Refusing Aid.

Baker, July 25.—After an illness lasting for more than a year, Seng Lung, an aged Chinese of this city, died yesterday evening at his home on Auburn avenue, near Resort. Suspicious of everything Occidental, he refused the services of a doctor, even when friends brought a physician to the house. Tuberculosis was the cause of death.

A brother now in Alaska, was wired and funeral services, on his direction, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon under the auspices of the Chinese Masons.

Women to Rope Steer and Bust Broncho at Wyoming Celebration.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 26.—The National Council of Women Voters, holding their annual convention here simultaneously with the 20th annual Frontier Days celebration, will see their sisters rope a thousand pound steer and break a wild horse.

Events for women are scheduled for every one of the four days' Frontier program which opened today. Some of the past champions in the broncho busting and roping events for men are entered. A heavy attendance is expected from Colorado, Cheyenne being the favorite "oasis" closest to the Colorado prohibition desert.

DERAILMENTS STALL ALL TRAFFIC

Overland traffic was stalled about 12 hours today at mile post 260 1-2, on the west side of the Blue mountains, when 12 cars of a freight train, Conductor Smith, Engineer Vey, jumped the track and tore up 10 rail lengths of track and did damage estimated to be \$7,700. No one was hurt.

The freight train was running at about 15 miles an hour at 3:45 a. m. when an over-heated wheel, official reports say, led to a broken flange. Soon after the cars tipped over fire broke out in one of the cars and destroyed it. Telegraph and telephone lines were disabled by the accident and for quite a while there was but little information obtainable here.

WARSHIPS AT CAPES

UNCLE SAM WILL COMMAND NEUTRALITY FOR THE BIG SUBMERSIBLE.

BRITISH CRUISER SEEN INSIDE LIMIT LINES

Consequence of Discovery Yesterday

Is That Uncle Sam Will Have Warships at the Three-mile Limit Line to Preserve Neutrality—Deutschland Is Watched.

Baltimore, June 26.—A fast British motorboat, moored near the Deutschland is ready to warn blockaders when the dash starts.

Washington, July 26.—The navy department has sent the battleship North Carolina, and three destroyers, to Cape Henry to "preserve neutrality" as the result of the sighting yesterday by the Louisiana of a British cruiser, in Lynn Haven bay.

Norfolk, July 26.—Pilotless and without warning, the American officials say one of the British cruisers off the capes came near Fortress Monroe yesterday, anchored for a short time and then returned outside the three-mile limit.

OLDER MEN FOR COUNCIL.—YOUNG MEN FOR ACTION.

La Grande's "Speed 'Em Up" races have been held, and they were thoroughly successful.

The movement started, as it was, by young men of the town, has proven to older heads what can be done. The boys have "shown" us all, and we were all willing to be shown.

They held the show and brought a crowd to La Grande that was a real crowd. Out of the proceeds of this year's event they have built the track, fences, grandstand, paid all their bills and have a few dollars left. A good record—a record to be proud of.

That the management was a little loose is apparent, and such was to have been expected of the first or second effort, but as a whole there is no ground for complaint and La Grande people should and do stand loyally behind the "Speed 'Em Up" races.

For future events it will be necessary to call in some older heads, not to dictate to the bright young men who are the recognized fathers of this year's show, but to give council that only years and experience can bring. With such a combination the La Grande Oval should take its place alongside of Dodge City and other points that have acquired national fame as speedways.

It was noticeable that men of forty years and over did not enthrall much over the races, with few exceptions, but the younger men did. It is a young man's game now and older man's game as soon as the older man can be educated to the terrific speed.

To make the event complete it seems necessary to convert the track into an oval that will carry automobile races as well as motorcycle events. Then with airships added, giving the motorcycle, the automobile and airship to thrill the assembly the program will be complete.

After some delay the conductor's report reached the dispatchers office but connections with points west were crippled for a time.

Early reports indicate the following damage:

To track, \$200; to equipment, \$5,500; to contents of cars \$4,000.

No. 4, the fast mail was held behind the wreck while two wreckers were employed in clearing the track, and No. 17 was held here until after the noon hour, although a stub No. 16 left shortly after 12 for points east. Early in the afternoon No. 17 was started west, unless there is unexpected delay No. 4 and No. 6—the noon train—will arrive this evening about 5 or 5:30.

OREGON GETS \$78,000 FROM FEDERAL ROAD FUND

Washington, July 26.—It is announced Oregon gets \$78,000 of the federal good roads funds. Washington gets \$71,000 and Texas gets the biggest appropriation, \$291,000. This money will be used to build permanent roads, under state direction but the state must keep them in reasonable repair after the roads are once built.

MATTERS BABY CASE UP AGAIN

NOTORIOUS TRIAL ENTERS ANOTHER CHAPTER

Two Women Professing Motherhood to the Same War Baby

Chicago, July 26.—The famous Matters baby, who has cooed, gurgled and played with her toes through two court trials already, was the central figure in another court proceeding before Federal Judge Landis here today. "Margaret Bryan," who swore in court that the baby girl is hers because she was the unwed war bride of the village blacksmith of her Canadian hometown, appeared to plead with the judge to let her have the tiny one. The rich Mrs. Annie Dollie Ledgerwood Matters also claims to be the mother of the baby. Mrs. Matters, charged with foisting the baby on her husband's estate as a spurious heir, is to go to trial again July 31, this time charged with perjury in connection with probate court records in the case. She was acquitted, several months ago, of the direct charge of foisting the child on the Matters estate. The Matters baby case, to date, has unfolded a story that would furnish a do Maupassant with plots for a dozen novels. It began when December mated with June—when Frederick Matters, Arcola, Ill., moving picture magnate, a man nearing seventy, married Anna Dollie Ledgerwood, a woman of twenty. And then Matters died, leaving a \$200,000 estate. A few weeks after his death, Mrs. Matters appeared with a baby. It was hers, she said, born to her at Misericordia hospital, at Ottawa, Canada. Other heirs to the estate questioned her claim of a posthumous heir. In the first place, they said, parenthood was a physical impossibility to Matters. Physicians came from the hospital and testified for Mrs. Matters. It was her baby, they said. Then, months later, Dr. L. C. Emile Berard, chief obstetrician of the hospital, came to Chicago and said his conscience had troubled him, that he wanted to change his story. This time he said he was telling the truth. The baby was not Mrs. Matters' at all. It was born to Margaret Bryan, a young Canadian girl, who had surrendered to love when the village blacksmith in her town went away to war with the Canadian contingent. The baby was taken from Margaret at its birth, Dr. Berard said, and taken to a room where Mrs. Matters lay. Margaret was told her baby had died at birth. She lay listlessly and sadly in her cot in the public ward while Mrs. Matters, known to the "poor ward" as the "millionaire lady," crooned over the child.

Dr. Berard detailed the surgical precautions that had been taken to make it appear Mrs. Matters was the mother.

When the trial of Mrs. Matters on a criminal charge began, the state sprang a surprise. It brought Margaret Bryan to Chicago, and the pretty Canadian girl told the jury her story. But it did not convict Mrs. Matters.

Then Margaret went to Federal Judge Landis, and told him she wanted her baby. A federal status prohibits "immigration" of a child without consent of its parents. If Margaret was the real mother, the law applied to the Matters baby. So Judge Landis ordered the child taken from Mrs. Matters, placed in a local institution, and visiting hours so arranged that Margaret could see it each morning and Mrs. Matters each afternoon. There the case rested when Mrs. Matters went to trial again today.

Both women have "mothered" the child since it was taken from Mrs. Matters. Both have sought to win its love. It is about a year old now—a girl baby—and seems to know each of its "mothers" equally well. If Margaret wins it, when Judge Landis gives his decision after the present trial, it will go to a little Canadian town and live in comparative poverty. If Mrs. Matters wins, then the baby will have silks and satins and automobiles and debutante's dances.

POZIERES CAPTURED

ENGLISH VICTORY ADMITTED FROM BERLIN: RESISTANCE WAS STUBBORN.

SLAVS NEGOTIATE AN IMPORTANT VICTORY

Fall of Arzingan Paves Way for Dash

Across Asia Minor Peninsula, Turks Having Been Removed—Petrograd Lays Claims to Other Decisive Advantages in the East.

London, July 26.—British have captured Pozieres. Gen. Haig has reported "the whole city is in our hands and western territorial has advanced further capturing two strong trenches."

"Pozieres" captured endangers Germans near Thiepval as a British encircling movement westward may force a new German retreat.

Russians Capture Town.
Petrograd, July 26.—It is announced Russians have captured Erzingan, while small advances against Germans in the northwest of Baran-witchi have been during a fierce battle. The enemy was repulsed after crossing the river Shara.

Victory Removes Turks.
The capture of Erzingan clears Turks from Armenia and opens a path for advance across the Asia Minor peninsula. Russians have repulsed German attacks in the Kemerno region. Germans lost heavily. The statement said Russians are closely pursuing Teutons in the Slonevki district.

Berlin Admits Capture.
Berlin, July 26.—It is officially admitted British have captured Pozieres "after a stubborn fight." Allied attacks were repulsed at Foreaux wood, Longaul and Trones Woods. Germans claimed "a small advance" against French at Hill 304.

CONVICTS ATTEMPT ESCAPE

When Discovered By Guards They Surrendered

Salem, July 26.—It is learned two Oregon penitentiary convicts attempted to escape at one o'clock Monday morning. They extinguished all the lights and entered the corridor from their cells. The guards discovered them. The convicts surrendered when use of guns was threatened.

They have been placed in the dungeon.

Warden Minto refused to divulge their names and prison authorities suppressed news of the attempted prison break for the time being.

CAMPING MADE EASY.

Pat Foley Has the Outfit That Makes Life Worth While.

Anchored in the lawn of the Jerry Foley home is a new equipment. It is known as the "Twin Beds Outing Trailer" and is arranged to couple onto an automobile. It has two wheels with rubber tires upon which is built a small Pullman car capable of caring for four passengers comfortably. Two beds fold out when campers stop for the night and each bed has perfect springs and mattress. The canopy overhead is fitted with curtains, or rather tent sides which keep out of the cold and storm. A table, shelves and camp stove complete the equipment, so that the auto party can have the comforts of home under a spreading oak tree fifty miles from any house. Pat has the agency of this new automobile accessory for Union and Wallowa counties and in a few days he will exhibit it in the different towns.

RESCUE WORK RESUMED

Effort to Find Missing 11 Victims of Tunnel Explosion Begins

Cleveland, July 26.—Rescue work was resumed today 36 hours after the waterworks tunnel disaster, in an attempt to find 11 missing corpses. Electric mine lamps have been installed to help the work.

August Ninth the Date.

The North Beach excursion which the O. W. is announcing will be started August 9th, rather than August 6 as announced yesterday.