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## BIG BATTLE WITH ALLIED TURK TROOPS

BRITISH POSITION ATTACKED BY 14,000 TURKS AT ROMANI.

BRITISH RESUME OFFENSIVE NORTH OF POZIERES

French Repulse Germans at Verdun—Seventeen Air Battles Are Fought—Russians Attack Shattered—Austrians Were Repulsed in Their Counter Attacks in Galicia.

London, Aug. 5.—Fourteen thousand Turks attacked the British positions at Romani 23 miles west of the Suez canal Thursday night. The battle continues with great intensity. Turks are unable to penetrate the trenches. Romani is 31 miles southeast of Port Said, and three miles from the Mediterranean sea. The battle is along an eight-mile front both sides of the Egyptian-Syrian Caravan trail. At dusk Friday many Turkish assaults were repulsed. Fighting continued in the desert sands at a temperature of a hundred degrees. The British southern flank smashed the Turks and captured five hundred prisoners. British warships in Tinsah bay near the northern flank are heavily shelling Turks.

British Resumes Offensive.

London, Aug. 5.—The British suddenly resumed the offensive. Commander Haig reported the capture of 2,000 yards of German trenches of the second line north of Pozieres, with several hundred prisoners taken. Kitchener's Australian recruits delivered the attack. Repeated efforts of the German's to recapture the positions were repulsed.

French Repulsed Germans.

Paris, Aug. 5.—The French repulsed many German assaults at Verdun during the last 24 hours. They defeated heavy efforts on the part of the Teutons to recapture Thiamont and Fleury. The German attack started at 9 o'clock last night after the heaviest bombardment. The Communiqué said "The enemy failed to gain an inch and suffered heavy losses." Several German patrols were dispersed along the Somme. Seventeen air battles were fought and four German aeroplanes were destroyed.

Russian Attack Shattered.

Berlin, Aug. 5.—It is announced that the British lost heavily in attempting to advance north of Oviliers, Fourcaux forest. The Russian attempts to cross the Dvina near Dweten was repulsed.

The Austrian war office has announced a cavalry and sabre charge that shattered the Russian attack. The Russians have abandoned all attacks except on the Stokhod river.

Austrians Repulsed.

Petrograd, Aug. 5.—Austrians are heavily countering in Galicia. They compelled the Russians to withdraw from Kutly mountain passes. Austrians' attack south of Brody was repulsed, and the Turkish charge was defeated near Kygi.

PEARE CHALLENGES BUCKLEY

Fifty-Year-Old Foot Racers May Contest Soon

Today when Superintendent M. J. Buckley came into town he was feeling fine. He took on some of his old ways and habits and incidentally mentioned that he was about the best fifty-year man in the state of his age. Whereupon the erstwhile Jack Peare, who never grows old except in years, said: "See here, Buck, you have been putting this stuff over in different parts of the state and I have been hearing of it. I am going to call your hand right now. I'll admit that you may be a better looking man at fifty than I am, but even that should be decided by a committee of disinterested ladies, if such can be found, but I do absolutely deny that you can out-run me a distance of fifty yards or more."

The rag-chewing continued until "Buck" and Jack matched a race which will probably be pulled off at the O'W picnic on August 17th. No stakeholder names have been announced.

## CASEMENT DIES BY THE NOOSE IN TOWER OF LONDON.



### MANY NOTABLES DIE IN TOWER OF LONDON

The melancholy Tower of London where Sir Roger Casement was hanged has been the scene of many notable executions and murders since the fourteenth century, as follows:

- 1471—Henry VI, murdered.
- 1478—George, Duke of Clarence, murdered.
- 1483—Lord Hastings, beheaded.
- 1483—Edward V and Richard, Duke of York, sons of Edward IV, smothered to death.
- 1499—Earl of Warwick, beheaded.
- 1513—Edmund de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, beheaded.
- 1521—Edward Bohun, Duke of Buckingham, beheaded.
- 1535—Sir Thomas More, beheaded.
- 1586—Anne Boleyn, second wife of Henry VIII, beheaded.
- 1542—Katherine Howard, third wife of Henry VIII, beheaded.
- 1544—Lady Jane Grey, beheaded.
- 1618—Mr. Walter Raleigh, beheaded.
- 1683—Lord William Russell, beheaded.
- 1692—John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, beheaded.
- 1747—Lord Lovat, beheaded.

## LAUNDRY HAS LOSS BY FIRE

DUNN BROS.'S ESTABLISHMENT HEAVILY DAMAGED

Machinery Escapes With Much Smaller Loss Than On Building

The A. B. C. Laundry, owned by Chas. and Luther Dunn, was seriously damaged by fire which was discovered at a quarter past one this morning. The blaze had gained a good start before the alarm reached the department and under this situation the loss to the laundry building was almost complete. Fortunately the machinery which was not susceptible to heavy damage from water did not share the same degree of injury as that inflicted on the building. The roof of the building is practically gone and while there will be a slight salvage, the estimates place the loss on the structure at about 70 per cent. The loss on the machinery and equipment is figured at about 20 per cent. There was insurance of \$2100 on the building and \$1400 on the machinery.

The fire seems to have started in the boiler room but in what manner is not known.

In the disruption of business which has come so suddenly, Chas. Dunn, one of the members of the firm, stated today that they didn't have time yet to figure on what they will do in regard to rebuilding but that they would of course rebuild as soon as they can get preliminaries to that end properly adjusted.

Small Grass Fire

The fire truck was run out this forenoon to put out a small grass fire in the vicinity of Elm and Jefferson.

To Manage Laundry

J. R. Miller, better known to all the ladies as Rolly Miller, arrived today from Los Angeles and will have charge of the Enterprise laundry for George Gilbert. Rolly is looking like a fresh daisy and is apparently feeling fine. He says the south is all right, but Oregon for him every minute.

Takes His Team to Baker

This afternoon Nolan Skiff and his team of bowlers left in automobiles for Baker where they meet the Baker bunch this evening.

## ROBBINS WILL HELP HUGHES

CHAIRMAN OF LAST PROGRESSIVE MEETING SPEAKS

"Gladly Enlist Under Hughes Leadership," He Tells the People

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Raymond Robbins, chairman of the last Progressive convention, issued a statement today supporting Hughes for the presidency. He urged Progressives to join Republicans. Among other things he said: "For myself I gladly enlist with the great majority of Progressives under the leadership of Hughes."

He denounced the Illinois Democracy as a corporation and boss controlled political machine.

WILL STRIKE AT MIDNIGHT.

A Thousand Street Car Men to Walk Out Is Report.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—A thousand car men plan to strike tonight at midnight following the traction company's refusal to meet the strikers' committee.

Home from Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Denny arrived home last evening from The Dalles where they had been visiting relatives and friends. They made the trip overland with a motorcycle and side car and had a very enjoyable outing with no troubles of any kind.

## LA GRANDE CLARK'S HEADQUARTERS

Captain Lee M. Clark, accompanied by Sergeant R. R. Riddle of the Third Coast Artillery, arrived in La Grande this morning and announced that hereafter La Grande was to be headquarters for recruiting purposes and that he (Captain Clark) had been ordered to remain here and work out from this point. He is empowered to rent offices and rooms suitable for recruiting work and to contract care of the new recruits during the time he will hold them before sending them on to Clackamas.

"I am very well pleased with the order," said Captain Clark to a re-

## ARTESIAN FLOW STRUCK

Water at the Depth of 108 Feet on the Hempte Farm

R. A. West struck a good flow of water at a depth of 108 feet on the Sylvester Hempte place, four miles from Union, Wednesday morning, after drilling for about a week, says the Republican. The bore is six inches, passing through 75 feet of gravel, blue clay and into black sand, when the water came in. Mr. Hempte is more than pleased with the flow, and prizes his new well highly. The wonder is that more people do not bore for artesian water in this section.

## RAILROAD OFFICIALS HERE

President Farrell Makes Trip Over the Branch Line

The most of the directing force of the O. W. R. & N. system are in La Grande and vicinity today. President Farrell arrived this morning and his private car was attached to the branch line passenger for a trip over the road to Joseph. On No. 6 another official party arrived including Manager J. P. O'Brien, General Superintendent M. J. Buckley, Frank Graham, superintendent of motive power, and Sam Murray, the chief engineer.

The officials are on a general inspection tour and La Grande claims attention at this time on account of the improvements under way in the addition to the round-house facilities and various other physical betterments at this point.

## Locomotive Explodes.

South Bend, Indiana, Aug. 5.—A locomotive on the Lake Erie and Western passenger train exploded today killing Engineer Kissman, Fireman Holden, with many people injured. The train was blown off the track.

## BLUESTEM BRINGS \$1.14.

Portland, Aug. 5.—Bluestem wheat sold today for a dollar and fourteen cents per bushel which is a record price. With bad crop reports from the east and from Europe the Pacific northwest crops are steadily growing better. The crop estimate in the northwest are larger than they were ten days ago.

## Markets 1700 Gallons Gooseberries

M. R. Thompson, known as the "gooseberry king" of Union county, was a visitor in Elgin the latter part of last week from his farm near Alicel and informed a Recorder representative that during the present season he had marketed 1700 gallons of gooseberries, and that his total yield would exceed 2200 gallons. For these berries he has received an average price of 25 cents per gallon, or \$425.

Mr. Thompson owns a tract of 20 acres, which is set to orchard. Four years ago he set out 1000 gooseberry plants and for the past two years has been rewarded with excellent yields. The berries are of the Oregon Champion variety and find a ready market. The bushes between rows of fruit trees but little ground.

Mr. Thompson is that in marketing crop he has experienced no great difficulty. He shipped a considerable quantity to various points by express and parcel post.

## Automobile Bandits Get Booty.

Omaha, Aug. 5.—Two automobile bandits held up Cashier James Nelson, of the Farmers State bank at Florence this noon. They escaped with over \$1,000.

## Three Convicts Seen.

Salem, Aug. 5.—Three of the six convicts who escaped from the flax plant, have been sighted near Sweet Home traveling on foot. A posse is said to be hot on their trail.

## Attended Baker Entertainment

C. D. Smahizer, George Young, P. A. Anderson and Scotty Adair drove over to Baker last evening to attend a literary entertainment. They report good roads and a pleasant journey.

## BOMB PLOT IS DEVELOPING

MEN MEET AT ANARCHIST NEWSPAPER OFFICE

Camera Used to Carry Explosives—Plans Were Well Laid.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—Deputy District Attorney Brennan revealed three developments which are considered damaging to Warren Billings, the bomb suspect. He declared he obtained a camera from Thomas Mooney the night before the explosion and also claimed he used the camera in which to carry explosives. Billings is said to have met Mooney at the office of the "Blast", an anarchist newspaper, where they discussed shortly before the disaster. The police are endeavoring to trace the threatening letter to Billings.

## TUNNEL ACCIDENT

C. R. Broughton, Southern Pacific Chief, Loses Leg

North Bend, Or., Aug. 4.—C. R. Broughton, assistant chief engineer of the Southern Pacific, narrowly escaped death today when he was thrown under a car in a collision in tunnel No. 7. His right leg was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated. His companion on a gas-line speeder, Frank Lee, was not dangerously injured.

The tunnel, a mile long, was densely clouded with smoke when the accident happened. This hampered the work of the rescuers, and it was some time before the injured men were rushed here, where Dr. L. B. Bartle, Southern Pacific surgeon, and Dr. George E. Dix, of Marshfield, performed the amputation.

Passenger and freight trains had just cleared the tunnel, leaving a great quantity of smoke in their wake, before the collision. The work train, which smashed into the speeder, was backing out. Mr. Broughton thought it would continue in the opposite direction. Tunnel No. 7 is this side of the Umpqua River, about 25 miles from North Bend.

The injured engineer supervised the construction of some of the most important bridges on the Southern Pacific system, including those over Coos Bay and the Siuslaw and Umpqua rivers in Oregon.

## HUGHES GOES ON EXTENDED TOUR WEST

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT IN TEN THOUSAND MILE TRIP.

CHICAGO PREPARING FOR ROYAL WELCOME

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Are Included in the List of Pacific Coast Appointments—Candidate Will Return to New York September 12.

Bridgehampton, Long Island, Aug. 5.—Judge Charles Evans Hughes has started on his ten thousand mile speaking tour which will cover the entire country. He will return to New York September 12th. Mrs. Hughes accompanied him. They will spend Sunday night at Niagara Falls. The tour will include Oregon, Washington and Idaho points.

Enthusiasm in Chicago. From Detroit he will jump to Chicago, where he is assured a most enthusiastic greeting from all factions. Illinois, in recent years, has broken out badly with factional rash, but the distemper is rapidly being cured. The Progressive leaders are strong for Mr. Hughes and the women's organizations are all for him. Republicans are already lined up under the Hughes banner, and the candidate will have a send-off in Chicago that will heaven him for his work farther west.

The next stop will be in the Twin Cities of Minnesota. This state is admittedly Republican this year, and the Democrats have practically decided not to waste much ammunition. Minnesota, like Illinois, presents a solidification of the Republicans and Progressives, and the old party has in its front ranks a list of doughty fighters of both brands, who know only one enemy in this campaign—that is the present Washington administration. So it is that Mr. Hughes, following his in Chicago, will gain steam and impetus in the

## CATTLE RUSTLER

Baker County Man Accused of a Cow

Baker, Aug. 5.—Charged with a cow belonging to Fulton Finwood, which crime the prisoner admitted, Lester Elliott was arrested yesterday afternoon near McEwen by Deputy Sheriff Nelson, who with Sheriff Anderson went to McEwen after him. While the sheriff was making a search nearby, Deputy Nelson remained near the house, after some hours starting out on horseback and coming up with Elliott about a half mile away. He was arrested and when asked by the officer what he had done with the hide, answered: "You passed within ten feet of it, when you came after me." Sure enough, it was found where Elliott said, on the bank of a small stream. At the house the officers found a barrel of corned beef, the slaughtered animal having been well cared for, apparently.

Elliott is a young fellow, claiming to be part Mexican blood, while his wife is a Hawaiian. They have been living at the Adams ranch for some time, looking after the place, while the owner was absent looking after other property. Elliott was brought to Baker and placed in the county jail.

This is the first cattle "rustling" case to develop in the county for some time.

## Here Checking Up

W. S. Mitchell, traveling auditor for the Accident department at Salem, was in La Grande this morning checking up several pay-rolls and incidentally calling on friends. He carries a Hughes banner on his machine that is of interest and is attracting a great deal of attention.

## Advertising "Hoss" Races

C. D. Emahizer has a cartoon adorning his wind shield that tells in unmistakable language of La Grande's horse races on September 6, 7, 8 and 9. It is a good cartoon and creates a lot of comment by all who have seen it.