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## BERLIN AND ATHENS NEAR OPEN BREAK

TRUE SITUATION NORTH OF SALONIKA CLOUDED BY CONFLICTING NEWS.

## RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE ALONG CAUCASUS FRONT ON AGAIN

Italians Within 14 Miles of Trieste Declares Press Dispatch, Taking New Trenches Continually—Several Killed When Zeppelins Bombard Outskirts of London.

Geritz, Aug. 25.—General Cadorna has advanced his lines within 14 miles of Trieste. They captured the second line of trenches southeast of Monfalcone and at some places penetrated third line. Shells leveled the city.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—It is officially admitted French have captured Maurepas, but is claimed a raiding Zeppelin led four British aeroplanes over the city last night.

Trieste is the strongest seaport Austria controls on the Adriatic, and is slightly northeast from Venice, lying well toward the head of the Adriatic.

London, Aug. 25.—A Petrograd wireless today said Russians have resumed advance in the entire Caucasus front following recapture of Mush. Turks are evacuating Bitlis and the Russian official statement announced the Grand Duke's offensive west of Lake Van is continuing. Russians are pursuing Turkish remnants in the Mush region.

Germans Order Retreat. A Rome wireless said Germany has ordered Bulgarians to discontinue the offensive and evacuate Greek territory and dispatches also asserted several Greek generals have refused to obey orders to evacuate eastern Macedonia. They are desperately resisting the Bulgarian attacks.

Athens has informed Berlin the situation might cause a German-Greek war. Latest Athens dispatches apparently contradict the Rome report which assert Greeks are retreating.

French Forces Consolidate. Paris, Aug. 25.—It is announced French last night consolidated new positions north and northeast of Maupol and report violent German counters at Hill 121. They captured 70 prisoners. French fire halted German attacks at Fleury and also in the Apremont region southeast of Verdun.

LONDON OUTSKIRTS HITS. Invasion of London Territory by Zeppelins Causes Fatalities.

London, Aug. 25.—Gen. Haig reported today British advanced their lines several hundred yards last night in severe fighting on both sides of the Longrual-Fleury-Bapaume road. They seized northern and eastern edges of Delville woods.

General French reported six Zeppelins participated in the raid last night and one reached the outskirts of London where it dropped bombs and damaged the electric power station. Three men, three women and two children were killed. Seven men, eleven women and three children were wounded. The ship bombed the water front and shipping yards.

Telephone Rates Ordered Cancelled.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.—All existing contracts for telephones in Seattle at less than \$2 a month have been ordered canceled by the public service commission. These contracts, inherited by the Pacific Telephone company from small independent lines absorbed by the company years ago, provided a rate of \$1.50 a month on 458 two-party lines and 60 four-party lines in the business district and on numerous lines in the residence sections. This will increase the revenues of the company to the point where it will pay a net return of 3.35 per cent on the valuation of the plant, according to the public service commission.

Wenzel Family Returns. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wenzel and daughter arrived today from a stay of a couple of weeks on the coast.

Mr. Stange Safe Home. Pat Foley is in receipt of a message stating that Aug. Stange and party had reached their home in Wisconsin, after a tour of the northwest. They expressed the highest appreciation of La Grande and the reception given them while they were here.

## BOYS SOB OUT TALE OF CRIME

LOVELACE BOYS AND PARENTS MEET.

Attorney Thinks No Jury Will Convict the Two Murderers.

Twin Falls, Ida.—A sobbing little woman and a dazed, sympathetic man alighted from the train here Thursday night, rushed to the rooming house where they left their baggage, and without stopping to register hastened to the courthouse.

They were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Penewell, mother and step-father of the two lads held in jail here awaiting trial on charge of the murder of F. Thomas Hamill.

They knew nothing of the terrible crime until, arriving at Burley on their way to Twin Falls, Penewell got off the train for a moment to speak to a friend, who asked him if he was the step-father of the boys in the Twin Falls jail. Penewell asked for an explanation, and the friend called his attention to the pictures in Thursday's paper.

Breaks News to Wife. Penewell hesitated about breaking the news to his wife, but finally thought it best to do so. She was shown the story in the paper, but would not believe the story.

Arriving at the courthouse, they were denied admission to the boys' cell and told to confer with attorneys. They were taken to the boys' cell later Thursday night, and a heartrending scene took place. The boys were in bed when the parents visited them. The smaller lad threw his arms about his mother and sobbed bitterly as he and his brother related the terrible crime. The older boy cried, with his face hidden in his pillow.

The mother and step-father finally left, both with tears streaming down their faces. The mother is almost prostrated with grief. She insists the boys are not bad and that the little one is especially tender-hearted.

Pointing to the pictures in a paper, she sobbed: "They never looked like that before. They had good clothes at home. I asked them where they got those ragged coats and they said someone in Buhl gave them the coats."

Parents Heartbroken. Both the parents are heartbroken over the tragedy and seem utterly cased and unbelieved. The mother has suffered ill health for the past three years and had gone away for medical attention. She was in Boise a short time and then went to Pocatello, where her husband met her and took her to Dillon, Mont., with him on a business trip. They had made all arrangements for the care and comfort of the boys during their absence, and had assumed that they were all right. The parents left Dillon Wednesday night. They state they will do all in their power for the boys and that Mrs. Penewell's father of Lohannon, Ore., will arrive in a few days.

Lawyer Says Case Is Puzzle. Boise, Aug. 25.—"I believe that the case of Harold and Lynn Lovelace will bring about some amendment of our present statutes," said W. P. Guthrie of Twin Falls, attorney for the slayers of F. Thomas Hamill, Thursday at the Hotel Idanha here.

"The disposal of the boys' case presents a serious question," Guthrie continued. "They should not be sent to the penitentiary; they should not be sent to the reform school because of an Idaho law to the effect that a boy who has committed a homicide must be sent to the state prison."

"I do not believe that the jury can ever be found which will convict these two boys of murder."

"I feel sure that they do not realize the enormity of their crime, having had several talks with them."

"Shocking though the thought is, a conviction on any homicide charge will mean a term in the penitentiary for these children. An amendment of our present laws or a new statute will, in my opinion, be necessary before the school at St. Anthony can take care of cases of this kind."

RETINING LODGEROOM.

Masonic Temple Being Renovated in Extensive Style.

Workmen are renovating the Masonic temple, including the lodge room proper, the dining room, waiting room and other appurtenances. The walls have a handsome tint, the carpets are being cleaned and the whole institution is to be thoroughly gone over by the workmen.

The stairway and corridors have been freshly painted so that there will be a brand newness to everything about the lodge home.

ELKS' BAND CONCERT.

Weekly Event to Take Place at Usual Time This Evening.

The concert by the Elks' band will be given at the usual place this evening beginning at 8 o'clock. The following program will be presented:

March, "Caesar's Triumphal" Mitchell Selection, "Il Trovatore" Verdi Duet for Cornets, "Swiss Boy" Bent Mr. Loney and Mr. McManus. Popular "Down Home Rag" Sweetman Poplar, "Everybody Rag With Me" Le Roy Overture, "Poet and Peasant" Sappe "Star Spangled Banner." J. David Haines, director.

## DEADLOCK UNBROKEN: MEN CALLED TO WHITE HOUSE; WILSON IS STANDING FIRM

Ninety-Minute Conference Between Employees and Wilson Shrouded in Mystery National Lobby Accused

Washington, Aug. 25.—President Wilson and the railroad presidents are apparently hopelessly deadlocked. President Wilson unexpectedly called the brotherhood heads to the White House during the day and the conference lasted 90 minutes. When over, the leaders said the situation was unchanged but intimated President Wilson has promised to stand firmly by the eight-hour proposal.

National Lobby Felt. The brotherhood presidents told the chief executive that a nation-wide lobby was influencing public sentiment in favor of the railroads and presented telegrams showing how the Northern Pacific railway was paying for favorable messages sent to Washington.

Immediate Settlement Urged. The brotherhood again pointed out to President Wilson that the members are urging immediate settlement. After leaving the conference the leaders denied President Wilson suggested a strike settlement by congressional legislation. President Garretson said: "The situation is rocking along. There is no compromise."

Corvallis Boy Wins Honors. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown and little daughter, who have been guests of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cramer, several days, leave tonight for their home in North Bend. They had been in Portland attending "Buyers Week" and stopped here on the route home. Mr. Brown, who was formerly connected with Kline's department store won honors for himself in Portland at the convention of merchants when he was awarded first place at the Buyers speaking contest following the banquet at Hotel Benson. His laudation of North Bend was considered the best booster speech given and is a great honor for Mr. Brown, who won out over many prominent merchants of the entire northwest.—Corvallis Gazette.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were at one time residents of La Grande, he being employed in the N. K. West store.

## WHEAT PRICES REACH \$1.20

Further advances in wheat hit Eastern Oregon, including Union county, during the past few hours and \$1.18 to \$1.20 are offers made today in wheat buying circles. New rumors stampede the Chicago pit almost daily and prices are bulging everywhere. Wheat closed in the Grande Ronde at \$1.12 last Saturday the difference representing duration within four days of trading.

Chicago Prices Soaring. Chicago, Aug. 25.—Blackrust wheat damage reports today caused September wheat to jump sharply, followed by December and May options in like spirit. The pit was keenly excited.

BIG DAMAGE SUIT FILED.

Willamette Valley Mills Demanding More Cars for Lumber.

Portland, Aug. 25.—The Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association has instructed Attorney J. N. Teal to file a quarter million dollar suit against the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric, alleging freight car discrimination.

The lumbermen said they must close many mills soon unless they get speedy relief. Attorney Teal may institute a federal mandamus proceeding first.

MORE BIRDS COMING.

Twelve Dozen China Pheasants To Be Liberated at Once.

Word received from State Game Warden Shoemaker by L. Hoyt Wing,

## Fancy Union Saddlers Sold To U. S. Border Officers

Union, Aug. 25.—(Special)—Government agents have purchased among other horses for cavalry purposes two steeds which are to go for the mounts of officers on the Mexican border. The two purchases are colts from Gus Levy's Galloway King and they were bought from Benson Bros. These two young horses are to be forwarded immediately to the Mexican border.

NEGROES IN PICNIC.

La Grande Contributes Several Toward Making Event Important.

Pendleton, Aug. 24.—More than 100 colored folks from La Grande, Walla Walla, Baker, Pasco and Pendleton are gathered at the picnic grounds below the county poor farm today. The occasion is a celebration of the successful baseball season for the Colored Tigers which has recently been closed. The Tigers came out with

considerable money ahead and won a large majority of their games. The colored folks were taken to the grounds this morning in auto trucks and a large barbecue was held at noon. This afternoon there is the sports and the affair will be closed tonight with a dance at the Eagle-Woodman hall.

The committee in charge of the arrangements are George Hooker, William Myers, Robert Nixon, Ernest Allen and E. Wilson.

ARMY BILL FAVORED.

House Confers About Enormous Army Appropriations Measure.

Washington, Aug. 22.—House conferred on the senate amendments to the army appropriation bill today. The action made the total preparedness expenditures over 645 million dollars.

MURDERESS WORRIED.

Former Portland Woman Declares Husband Deserved Dog-like Death.

Mt. Clemons, Mich., Aug. 25.—Mrs. Emil Petite, a former Portland woman will be arraigned in justice court Monday on a charge of murdering her husband on Aug. 17. She has not recovered from the shock. She is pale and wan and her defense is unknown. The woman said: "My husband deserved to die like a dog."

Fin & Fleetfoot club president and John Walden deputy game warden, is to the effect that 12 crates of China pheasants with a dozen in each will be shipped to La Grande probably tomorrow. They are now on the way. Three crates will go to each of the following preserves: Walter Pierce, Peach Bros., Blockland Bros. and I. C. Chenault.

In addition to these shipments there will be two crates for Union and two for Cove. La Grande previously this year received four crates making a total of 16 dozen birds liberated in this vicinity this year through the efforts of the Wing, Fin & Fleetfoot club.

Club members must see to the correct disposal of the crates after their arrival in La Grande.

CONCLAVE PROMISING.

Meeting of Eastern Oregon Teachers Here in November Arranged For.

Linden McCullough, who succeeds John Girdler as president of the Eastern Oregon division of the State Teachers' association, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, secretary, and Mrs. Nellie G. Neill, treasurer, all of this city, aided by the executive committee are working out a very elaborate and instructive program for the annual session of the institution which convenes in La Grande November 1-3 inclusive.

"We have already proceeded so far with the program that we can say that the program will have unusual merit" declared Mrs. Ivanhoe today, "and the numbers will be announced from time to time."

## GRAIN SACK DOOM IS PLAINLY SEEN

EXHAUSTIVE SURVEY OF COUNTY TAKEN.

Five Hundred Farmers Asked to Express an Opinion.

County Agent Spillman is asking 500 Union county farmers whether they prefer to handle the grain crop of this county in bulk or in sacks. Numerous wheat growers have told him that the time is ripe to make the change in the field system.

Mr. Spillman says that the advantages are not alone in the saving of sack costs. It takes more time, labor and money to handle sack grain at the local warehouse and again to put it on the cars, and again to take it off the cars, and again to put it into ocean-going vessels. It is extra and unnecessary cost all the way along the line. It is an expensive and out-of-date method that has been quite generally abandoned outside the Pacific Northwest.

The bulk system also means the introduction of standard grades so that the man who sells clean wheat gets a premium for it. Local elevators should be equipped with cleaners so that the man with the trashy or smutty wheat can have it cleaned for less than he would be docked if his wheat went to market dirty.

The following is a letter sent out by Mr. Spillman to about 500 Union county wheat growers and if the replies are favorable steps will be taken to arrange this fall for handling next year's crop in bulk so far as possible:

Letter Sent Farmers. Dear Sir:—It takes about 850,000 sacks to hold Union county's annual grain crop according to the best statistics.

This office believes in the bulk handling system. We are here to help the farmers and consider that the introduction of bulk handling is one of the biggest things that can be done for the county. We want to know what the wheat growers think about it and that is why we are sending out the letters. Those we have talked to are favorable but we can't talk to all and so we are writing.

Are you interested in the matter? If so will you answer the question on the enclosed blank and put it in the envelope already addressed to me. It requires no stamp.

If everybody answers we will know what 500 wheat growers think about it. If that many want it we can have it provided we all get together. This office will help get together and if you will watch the papers we will tell you what 500 farmers have to say on the subject.

It will cost something to make the change but we should gain it back in two years and be thousands of dollars ahead in ten years. We haven't space to present figures but what we want to know is this: Do you favor a campaign this fall to get all the facts before the county and get ready to handle in bulk before time to buy next year's sack?

Please answer the enclosed questions and make any remarks on the question you care to. Remember that the facts the country over are in favor of bulk handling. Very truly yours, PAUL SPILLMAN, County Agricultural Agent.

The Question Card.

1. Do you favor the bulk handling system?
2. Do you believe that now is the time to change?
3. Will you help get together this fall to consider the matter and take some action?
4. If we hold a number of meetings all over the county to present the matter will you try to attend?

Remarks.

96 Once More

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the government instruments registered 96 degrees which means about 96 before the day is over. The heat spell, therefore, continues to hold its own and will probably break Saturday night.

753 Towns Destroyed by Bombardment Since Beginning of War

Paris, Aug. 25.—Statistics from the Ministry of the Interior, available today, show that 753 towns have been destroyed by military operations since the war began and up to June 30.

Dry Grass Burns.

Dry grass surrounding the orchard on Lake street near the Palmer Lumber company occupied by Bob Smith caught fire yesterday evening presumably from an engine spark. The engine crew and neighbors had the flames well under control when the fire department arrived, it having been delayed a minute or two by a freight train at the North Second street crossing. There is considerable grass in that vicinity and it is likely some steps will be taken to burn it over under fire department control.

The orchard was nipped slightly and some fence burned down.

Enormous Sum Sent to Mother Country.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—Twenty-five dollars per capita represents the amount the 5,000,000 persons in Australia have contributed in cash to the British cause in the European war, according to Hugh F. Ward, general manager of an Australian theatrical syndicate, who arrived here yesterday on the liner Ventura. He said the loans to the mother country represented \$70 per capita, and the gifts and loans approach \$500,000,000.

## BREMEN HAS BEEN TAKEN SAYS RUMOR

ENGLISH CAPTAIN DECLARES VESSEL IS NOW CAPTIVE IN DOVER DOCK.

## STEEL NET DECLARED TO HAVE SNARED SUBMARINE

Four of Her Crew Reported to Have Died of Foul Air During Four Days Boat Was Captive Under Surface—Steamer Goes Out from Boston to Investigate.

New York, Aug. 25.—The captain of a British merchant steamer today repeated the story that the British have captured the Bremen. He asked that his name be withheld.

The captain asserted that the Bremen became engaged in a steel net in the North sea and was helpless for four days, until a patrol boat discovered her plight.

Four of the crew died of foul air. The submarine was later towed into Dover.

The official said the admiralty kept the episode secret.

"Mother" Ship Returns.

New London, Aug. 25.—The North German Lloyd liner Willehad docked at the State Ocean Steamship pier today. She had voyaged unescorted from Boston. The crew verified the report issued yesterday that she had gone out to the three-mile limit to look after possible arrival of the Bremen, and the men said they saw no hostile vessels. It is believed the Germans intend to use the ship as a "mother boat" for the submarine Bremen.

Fight Between Wets and Drys

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 25.—Individuality will be largely lost sight of tomorrow in the run off primaries for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator. Tomorrow's balloting will be a battle between wet and dry forces, with odds favoring the latter, politicians say.

Senator Charles Culberson and O. B. Colquitt, former governor, are the principals in today's voting. In the regular Democratic primaries July 26 Culberson got 80,000 votes to Colquitt's 107,000 and the present job holder only beat Dr. S. P. Brooks, former president of Baylor University by about 6,000. But the nomination fight even then had resolved itself into a prohibition and anti-prohibition issue, with Colquitt admittedly favoring the anti and Culberson and Brooks the pros. The prohibition vote split on its 2 candidates.

Submission of prohibition at a general election to follow the next session of the legislature, carried in the primaries. The dries are expected to unite behind Culberson and despite his defeat by Colquitt in the first primaries he is admitted by politicians to have the better of it "on paper".

Boys of '61 Gather for Encampment.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 25.—The vanguard of Civil War veterans began flocking into this city today for the fiftieth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which opens here tomorrow. Hotel lobbies were alive with war talks and the boys of '61 did not seem to think it would be perhaps their last encampment, as many of the "youngsters" thought. Boy scouts mingled with the grey haired warriors of Gettysburg and Shilo. The lads in Khaki acted as escorts and otherwise busied themselves in the interests of the visitors. Practically every building in the downtown section was decorated with the national colors and the usual "welcome" signs. There seemed to be much speculation today as to the number of veterans that would march in the great parade Wednesday. Every old soldier already here insists he will be in line when the bugle starts the procession, no matter how high the mercury climbs.

Elgin Man Sick

Thos. Bills, a merchant of Elgin, was brought to La Grande by Dr. Whiting this afternoon and they will take the evening train for Portland where the patient will be operated upon for appendicitis. The present trouble is reported to be a recurrence of a similar attack early in the spring.

Dairyman Visits Town

Home Galloway, old-time Enterprise editor, and now owner of about 30 milk cows on his Palmer Junction property, is in La Grande today.