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TURKS BLOCK SLAVS ALONG GALACIA LINE

LEMBERG SAVED A SECOND TIME BY GERMAN ALLIES ADMITS LONDON.

BULGARS SUFFER FROM RUSSIAN TORPEDO CRAFT

In the Western Front Conditions Are About Normal—Hindenburg Is to Inspect Western Front—Appears Younger Than When He Went to the East, Berlin Says.

London, Sept. 9.—Turkish troops came to the rescue of the hard-pressed Germans in Galicia and have checked the Russian advance on the fortified city of Kalitz. This is the second time since Russians began threatening Lemberg that Turks have halted the advance. Several weeks ago Turkish reinforcements stopped the drive against Lemberg from the east.

Allies' western-front attacks are less violent the last 24 hours and the German-Bulgarian Roumanian front offensive is apparently slackening also.

Bulgars Feel Blows.

Petrograd, Sept. 9.—It is announced Russian naval forces have fought the Bulgarians for the first time, yesterday. Torpedo boats shelled Balchik, a Black Sea port and sank 21 bread-laden barges. Bulgars captured Balchik from the Roumanians recently.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—It is announced German counters drove back the Russians east of Kalitz while Turks repulsed the Russians, capturing one thousand. Northwest of Mount Kapul in the Carpathians the Teuton lines yielded.

Teutons Near Black Sea.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—German war correspondents have reported that German and Bulgarian troops have advanced over 50 miles beyond the Roumanian frontier and are operating on the Black sea coast.

Hindenburg Nears West.

Amsterdam, Sept. 9.—German newspapers have confirmed the report that Hindenburg the new chief of staff, is making his first visit to the western front. The Cologne Gazette said Hindenburg looks younger and fresher. He is conferring with the crown prince and German leaders and expects to inspect the entire front.

Small Woods Captured.

London, Sept. 9.—Gen. Haig has reported that British have captured German trenches in sharp hand to hand fighting in Fouraux wood last night. Paris announced French captured a small woods east of Belay. Eighty-seven hundred prisoners have been taken since Sept. 3rd.

The war office has called the German losses "Frightful" heaps of German dead lie in the captured trenches. The most violent artillery fire continuing at Verdun.

Roumanians Shift Lines.

Bucharest, Sept. 9.—It is semi-officially announced that the Roumanian general staff has shifted large forces to the southeastern frontier to check the invasion. Further retirement may be necessary on account of the enemy's numerical superiority.

Correspondents have reported the German-Bulgarian advance to the Black Sea ports explained why the Roumanians now limit Transylvania co-operation to minor exploitations. They seem irresolute and uncertain what the future may develop.

COWBOY ORATOR COMING.

Convention of County Dry Forces to Hear Deschner.

Arrangements are being completed for the "Union County Dry" convention to be held in La Grande next Tuesday. About 40 delegates from various parts of the county are expected to be present and perfect a non-partisan campaign organization to oppose the proposed Brewer's bill and support the Dry amendment prohibiting the importation of liquor into the state.

The convention proper will be held in the afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. and in the evening Phillip Deschner, the "Texas cowboy with Boston culture," will speak at the Presbyterian church on the issues of the campaign. He will explain the jokers in the Brewer's bill with the punch of the Texas range and the finish of the Boston orator," say his friends. A short musical program has been arranged for the evening meeting, to which the public is cordially invited.

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ELGIN CITIZENS ACCUSED.
Edwin Bennett and J. C. Clare Are Held to Answer Theft Charge.

Edwin Bennett, a farmer residing on what is known as the Ab. Lewis place, and J. C. Clare, who has been employed by Bennett, near Elgin, were arrested Thursday forenoon by Constable J. R. Weaver and City Marshal Thomas, charged with the theft of 20 sacks of wheat from the John Paxton farm, says the Elgin Recorder. The accused were brought to town and arraigned before Justice of the Peace Weiss yesterday afternoon, and waived preliminary examination. Their bail was placed at \$500 each, which Bennett furnished during the evening. Clare was unable to give bonds and was placed in the city jail, where he remained until Friday afternoon, and was taken to the county jail.

The loss of the grain was discovered early yesterday morning by Paxton, who had counted the sacks the evening before. The grain was piled at the threshing setting and he immediately detected the loss. Coming to town he secured the constable and city marshal and the three went to the scene. Wagon tracks were plainly seen coming from the field into the Garden Creek lane, turning northward. It was also detected that one of the horses had a peculiarly shaped hoof, and the officials easily tracked the same to Bennett's barnyard. There they went to the granary and found the sacks of wheat therein. They also found loose wheat in the wagon box, showing that sacked wheat had recently been hauled therein. Also, the horse with the irregular hoof was found. Bennett and Clare were cutting wood nearby and were immediately arrested.

The accused men stated that during the night they had been aroused by the barking of their dog, and that they went to the door and saw parties at the barnyard with the team and wagon belonging to Bennett. One of them secured a rifle and fired two or three times, but not at the supposed-to-be-thieves, fearing they would kill one of the horses or others standing by. The parties, ran, so it is said and Bennett and Clare went out and unhitched the team and placed the wheat in the granary. They told the officials that they intended coming to town later in the day to report the occurrence. They state further that the team and wagon was appropriated one other night preceding the recent theft.

Bennett is a man of family and has resided here over a year and has been looked upon as being an industrious man. Clare came here recently and nothing is known of him, except that it is reported he has given his name other than Clare since coming here.

VILLA COMING NORTH.

Rancher Says He Will Be in Chihuahua City September 15th.

El Paso, Sept. 9.—A Mexican rancher arriving from Juarez said today Villa is marching north. Villa told natives "I'll shoot 'Grito' in Chihuahua City on the eve of Mexican independence day, September 16." The rancher reported over 1500 are with Villa.

Rangers exchanged shots with Mexicans across the Rio Grande 25 miles south of here and wounded one.

Couer d'Alene Lady Ill.

Mrs. John Birchfield, of Couer d'Alene, who has been visiting her brother Mr. Beardon, of South La Grande is now at the hospital undergoing surgical attention.

STATE KNITS CRIME WITH B. THOMPSON

WITNESS REPEATS WORDS SPOKEN BY PRISONER ABOUT MRS. JENNINGS.

STATE ABOUT READY TO CONCLUDE CASE

"Hoped to Win a Home by Marrying Mrs. Jennings" Is Statement Credited to the Prisoner by Witness at Hillsboro Trial—Thompson Is Worried and Unkempt.

Hillsboro, Sept. 9.—E. W. Cook testified in the Pennett Thompson trial today that he frequently discussed Mrs. Helen Jennings, who was murdered the same night Ristman was. Cook testified that Thompson had said: "He hoped to win a home" through marrying her.

The prosecution has alleged that unrequited love caused Thompson to kill the woman.

The state's case is nearly completed and will be rounded out, probably, when court assemblies Monday again after adjournment at noon today until then.

Thompson appeared worried. He hasn't shaved for several days.

Flower Show Opens.

Elgin, Sept. 9.—The annual Flower show opened in the Masterson building Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and will remain open until late tonight.

Although a little delay has occurred in getting the prize list ready, all the prizes have been secured, and include an excellent lot of premiums donated by the business men of Elgin.

Refreshments will be served continually, consisting of coffee and cake, punch, sandwiches, cantaloupe and home-made candy. In this connection the ladies will gladly accept donations of cream, cake and home-made candies.

The show is being held jointly by the ladies of the Civic league and Cemetery association and the proceeds will be divided equally between the two societies, and used in paying for the new drinking fountains and for a new fence for the cemetery for which the ladies have paid \$300—an amount sufficient to fence the front of the cemetery tract.

PARENTS FEAR RABBIES.

Wallowa County Lad Will Undergo Pasteur Treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McLean arrived yesterday evening from Wallowa with their 10-year-old son who was taken on to Portland in company with his mother for treatment for suspected affection with rabbies. The boy was bitten by a dog belonging to a traveling outfit of campers a few days ago and Mr. McLean demanded that the dog be killed and the head of the animal was sent to the state veterinary. Telegraphic information in response came back at once that the dog was afflicted with rabbies and the advice was to send the boy to Portland at once for the regular serum treatment.

BEN BOSWELL IS DEAD.

Deceased Well Known Pioneer of Union and Wallowa Counties.

Word has been received of the death of Benjamin Boswell on September 5 at a hospital conducted by his nephew at Santa Rosa, Cal. The deceased was 77 years of age and came to Eastern Oregon in 1862 and in the following year located in Union county where he remained the principal part of the time in Cove, until 1875 when he went with the early settlers into Wallowa county. About six years ago he came out to La Grande and lived here a year or two and later went southward on account of his health. He is survived by a widow, who resides in Enterprise, and several grown children.

A brother, David Boswell is a resident of Cove. He was a home builder in both Union and Wallowa counties and active in all the affairs of this country's early times.

FAST RACES RUN.

Automobiles vie at Indianapolis Speedway This Afternoon.

Indianapolis, Sept. 9.—Johnny Aitken, driving a Peugeot won the 20-mile race at the Indianapolis speedway. He averaged 95 miles an hour. Wilcox' premier was second and Chevrolet's Sunbeam was third.

CROP AVERAGE BELOW NORMAL BY BIG MARGIN

OVER 11 PER CENT DECREASE OVER LAST YEAR ESTIMATE TODAY SHOWS.

LAST ESTIMATES FOR OREGON BELOW NORMAL

Crop Conditions Throughout Country Discouraging to Estimators Who Claim Average Price for Common Crops Is Over 20 Per Cent Higher Than Last.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The crop estimates bureau has announced the composite condition of all American crops as five and four-tenths per cent below a previous 10-year average. It is 11.9 per cent below last year's crop. The average prices for principal crops are 21.9 per cent higher than a year ago.

A summary of the September crop report for the State of Oregon as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

Wheat.

State: Preliminary estimate 12,489,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate) 16,200,000 bushels.

Spring Wheat.

State: September 1 forecast, 4,500,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 3,825,000 bushels.

Oats.

State: September 1 forecast, 15,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate) 16,060,000 bushels.

Barley.

State: September 1 forecast, 4,660,000 bushels, production last year (final estimate), 4,680,000 bushels.

Potatoes.

State: September 1 forecast, 7,030,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate) 5,520,000 bushels.

Hay.

State: Preliminary estimate, 1,970,000 tons; production last year (final estimate) 1,870,000 tons.

Apples.

State: September 1 forecast, 1,250,000 barrels; production last year (final estimate) 1,043,000 barrels.

Prices.

The first price given below is the average on September 1 this year, and the second, the average on September 1 last year.

UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN.

Large Attendance and Much Enthusiasm Shown.

The public schools of Union opened for the fall and winter term last Monday, and the attendance was most gratifying, and enthusiasm among the teachers and pupils very marked. The indications are that the coming school year will be a very successful one and that the attendance will be still further increased. Prof. Arant, Superintendent of the schools, with an able corps of assistants, is rapidly getting things in shape and will have the schools running nicely in short order.—Union Republican.

Four People Picked 48 Gallons in Four Days.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Daron and Mr. and Mrs. Dorse Barnes returned Sunday noon from a huckleberry trip to Rock hill in the Blue Mts., north of town, and although they spent only four days on the mountains succeeded in getting 48 gallons of berries, being the record thus far reported. They report oodles of berries in that section.

Although it was thought early in the season that the huckleberry crop would be short it has turned out to be one of the best in years and dozens of local families have laid in supplies for a year. While it is impossible to give exact figures as to the number of gallons secured by Elgin people it will not be amiss to state that no less than 1000 gallons of that favorite berry were secured during the past month and according to reports there are yet plenty of them in the mountains.

The Oregon huckleberry is an extreme favorite and is considered a luxury in any home.—Elgin Recorder.

MISBRANDED LIQUOR.

J. W. Evans, of Union, Placed Under Bonds for Illegal Inter-State Shipment.

J. W. Evans, who formerly ran a bar at Green River, Idaho, was arrested at Union, Oregon, recently, charged with interstate shipment of misbranded liquor. He was released on \$500 bond, after a hearing before the United States commissioner at Pendleton, and his case will be presented to the federal grand jury, which meets September 18.

It is charged that Evans shipped from Idaho to Ontario, Oregon, two cases, each labeled "32 bottles of beer," and that the cases each contained but 14 bottles of beer and 18 bottles of whiskey.

Deputy District Attorney Gallagher of Malheur county furnished information on which the federal authorities made the arrest.

Substitute Teachers Named.

Mrs. H. E. Dixon, formerly a grade teacher, and Mrs. Norman Frees, for several terms of the high school faculty, have been named official substitute teachers for the La Grande schools.

Americans Good Grenaders.

Port Royal, S. C., Sept. 9.—Americans are lately the best bomb and grenade throwers in the world and are capable of waging wonderful trench warfare in case of hostilities say United States Marine corps officers in charge of recruit training at this place.

"The average American youth early learns to throw a baseball with speed and accuracy and it is because of that, we, as a nation, are especially fitted to wage the modern war of the trenches. Baseball is encouraged at all our stations and the skill displayed by marines—even untrained recruits—in the bomb and grenade throwing practice is really remarkable," said Drill Sergeant Moore today.

Officers Are Back From Pine.

Baker, Sept. 9.—Sheriff Anderson and Deputy Nelson returned yesterday afternoon from Pine Valley, where they have been searching for the assailant of Mr. Carnahan. The officers' story shows that reports of the affair were overdrawn, Mrs. Carnahan being more frightened than hurt.

They spent some time attempting to locate Claude Duke, wanted for an alleged assault on a young girl. They went from Halfway to La Grande by auto Thursday, getting some trace of Duke, whom they believe they will get later, although he has apparently made his temporary escape and is probably in hiding.

Railroad Officials Arrive.

General Superintendent M. J. Buckley, accompanied by Mrs. Buckley, arrived in La Grande on No. 6. Master Mechanic J. T. Langley and other officials of the O.-W. R. & N., are also here.

South Americans Afraid of Trusts.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 9.—South Americans are deeply interested in the suggestion referred to in dispatches from Washington and New York, that the Sherman law ought not to be enforced against North American business houses seeking trade on the southern continent.

South America is exceedingly fearful of trusts and especially of North American trusts. The people base their ideas on translations they have read from newspapers in the United States. They believe, literally, the very strongest things they have read concerning the trust evil. It is doubtful if the still uninvaded corner of Belgium would regard a German incursion with any more pleasurable anticipations than South Americans feel at the hint that the North American trusts may get a grip on them.

This apprehension of trusts, in fact, is a considerable obstacle in the way of American trade's progress here.

Consequently this latest suggestion has not been well received.

South American business men who think closer pan-American trade relations would be a good thing express the opinion that the field is so wide open, while the war lasts, that trust methods are unnecessary at present. Their view is that North American firms would do better to gain a foothold by individual effort, before the European struggle is over, resorting to combinations later if they are compelled to.

Old Lady in School.

Columbus, O., Sept. 9.—America's oldest co-ed, formerly a student at Ohio State university here, will enter the University of California this fall, she announced today. She is Amy D. Winship, 85. Mrs. Winship started her education in a log school in Illinois in 1847. She attracted much attention at Ohio State by attending classes with students 60 years her junior. Last year she attended Wisconsin university. She specializes in botany, physics and international wherever she goes.

Second Automobile Race for Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 9.—The second automobile race meet of the year for the Indianapolis Motor speedway will be held here today. Most of the prominent drivers of the country are entered. Three races, one of 30 miles, one of 50 miles and one of 100 miles, will be run.

MUDDY TRACK DOOMED LAST MATINEE RACE

PROGRAM CUT SHORT ONE DAY WHEN SUN FAILS TO COME FORTH.

FRIDAY'S MUD RETARDS SPEED BUT NOT SPORT

Biggest Purse of the Week Hotly Contested for by Harness Horses—One Running Race Scratched but Otherwise Rain Didn't Curtail Other Day.

Officers of the La Grande Racing club, sponsors for the three days of premier racing put on at the fairgrounds track for the past three days, this morning cancelled the closing day program on account of a muddy track.

The heavy rain yesterday afternoon and the drizzle last night, might have been overcome with an abundance of sunshine this morning, but toward the noon hour the directors held a meeting and concluded it would be impossible to smooth off or dry the course in time. Consequently it was deemed expedient to bring a premature end to the races which for three days have been giving the racing game fans something worth while for their money.

The closing day's races were booked to be among the fastest of the week, but the old hoodoo holds good—anytime farmers want their crops watered the year call on some sort of an attraction at the fair grounds and the rains will come.

Much as all concerned regret it, the races are off this afternoon.

Plowing mud that followed the heavy showers, and ignoring the downpour that was almost continuous, gritty trotters, pacers and runners, yesterday afternoon performed for the biggest crowd of the week. The rain hindered fast time, of course, but the animals fought just as gamely as though the track had been O. K. May Davis was headed for first money in the biggest purse of the week when she broke portions of her harness in third heat of the 2:10 pace and Axcybetta, having climbed from fifth in the first to first in the second, romped home with the fat money. Amy McKinney made easy sport of the 2:24 trot but second place afforded keen competition.

In the second heat Amy McKinney had the hardest tussle of any. She had the pole at the outset but broke and while she was again catching her stride, Golden State forged to the front, only to be passed by the winning mare the second time, and she won handily.

All heats were superb events, and the mud and rain didn't seriously mar the entertainment. The running race program was cut to one event, because of the muddy track scaring away some of the entries leaving and unfiled list of starters in the second event.

The Summary:

2:10 pace; purse \$500—
Axcybetta ch m (McKay) 5 1 1
May Davis ch m by Borado (Dennis) 1 3 4
Emmaline Dillion br m by Guy (Dillon (Stuart) 2 2 2
Haltamont b s by Hal B. (Todd) 4 5 3
Delmas ch g by Dialect (Wilbourne) 3 4 d
Josie Knights gr m by Twelfth Knight (Dennis) 6 6 d
Van Syckle b s by Gambetta Wilkes (Ivy) 7 d
Time, 2:10 3-4ths, 2:13, 2:19 1-2.
2:24 trot; purse \$400—
Amy McKinney blk m by Captain Kinney (Wilbourne) 1 1 1
Al Mc K. b s by Bonnie Mc K. (Bush) 2 4 2
Golden State b g by Stam B (Ivy) 4 2 4
Song Sparrow ch m by The King Red (Martin) 3 3 5
Marie Fitzsimmons ch m by Bob Fitzsimmons (Swank) 5 5 3
Time, 2:21, 2:26, 2:31.
Three-eighths mile special; purse \$100—
Ostentatious first, Black Sam second, Rocky Boy third.
Five-eighths mile dash didn't fill.

MRS. CATT RE-ELECTED.

Woman's Suffrage Association Picks Its Officials.

Atlantic City, Sept. 9.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was elected president of the National Women's Suffrage association. Mrs. Walter Miller of Missouri, Mrs. Stanley McCormick of New York and Mrs. Esther Ogden of New Jersey are vice presidents.

Secretary of War Baker speaks tonight.