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VITAL TEST IN BALANCE

OUTCOME OF BATTLE AT DOBRUDJA CHIEF INTEREST OF THE DAY

RUSSIANS INDICATE THEIR DETERMINATION

At Certain Sectors of the Big Struggle, Teutons Are Reported Falling Back While German Encircling Movement Hinders Slavs—Review Shows Allied Action Strong.

Berlin (Via Sayville), Sept. 22.—It is announced a German submarine sank a troop-filled enemy transport in the Mediterranean September 17th. She sank in 43 seconds. The statement did not mention the soldiers' fate, but probably only a few were saved unless other vessels were nearby.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—Russians are vigorously attacking Germans and Bulgarians on the Dobrudja line. A severe battle is raging. A German encircling attack southwest of Toprais river despatched part of the enemy. They captured 750 prisoners, but it is admitted Russians captured Snotree summit.

Grenading featured the western front fighting.

The Dobrudja battle involves more to the Teutonic force than any other point in the east, and the Balkan situation for the fall movements hinges upon the outcome of that struggle.

London, Sept. 22.—British last night captured two lines of trenches between Fleury and Martinpuich, and advanced on a one-mile front, south of Ancre. The gain drove Germans down the Lesare Guede highway toward Bapaume.

Paris has announced a French curtain of fire abruptly halted attacks on the Leprieux Rancourt front.

Balkan dispatches have said that the Serbians defeated the Bulgarians on the Zebroko front and that the French have captured the heights dominating the Florina-Poplin road.

Bucharest has reported the Teutons have retreated five miles at the titanic Dobrudja battle and are still retreating. Sofia has admitted that the German-Bulgarian attacks have failed.

Saloniki reports that the allied fleet shelled Bulgarian camps at the Gulf of Orfani.

Mexicans Kill Britishers.

Galveston, Sept. 22.—Officers of the tank steamer Topila say Villistas raided the Tuxpam oil camp September 16 and killed two Britishers and 32 Carranzistas. Two Carranzistas escaped.

American Protest Efficacious

Washington, Sept. 22.—The state department dispatch from Sydney, Australia, said British have released 30 Germans, Austrians and Turks removed from the American steamer China while en route from Shanghai to Philadelphia. The release is the result of a state department protest.

PRICES LOW 60 YEARS AGO Ancient Ledger Shows Barrel Cider Cost 75 Cents

Winsted, Conn., Sept. 15.—In these days of high prices it is interesting to note what commodities and labor brought in 1830 as revealed in a combined ledger, cash book and day book kept by Milo Watson, of Harwinton. One then could buy a barrel of cider for 75 cents, 7½ cords of wood for \$2.50, three pecks of potatoes for 20 cents, beef for 4 cents a pound, a hen for 25 cents and could get a grave dug for \$2. Butter sold for 14 cents a pound on July 6, 1829, veal for 4 cents a pound, sheep at \$1.60 each, while two suits of clothes made to order for a boy cost \$3.97. On September 7, 1837, 8 cents was paid for pitching a load of hay. Five dozen eggs sold for 42 cents in September, 1831. In May, 1831, potatoes sold for 26 cents a bushel; on May 29, 1834, someone washed and sheared six sheep for Mr. Watson and received for the work 36 cents. On August 19, 1840, 21½ pounds of flour sold for 54 cents. Hay brought 08 a ton in April, 1888. In 1855 Mr. Watson paid 40 cents to have a horse shod and 50 cents a bushel for oats. Milk cost 3 cents a quart. In July, 1830, straw 3 cents a bundle on December 5, 1847, apples 2 cents a peck in November, 1849, and a load of wood 54 cents in September, 1847.

HOW THEY GET TO WORK IN NEW YORK DURING CAR STRIKE.



The present traction strike has brought out some queer modes of conveyance. In the center are Zoe and Claire El Rey, two Hippodrome actors, roller skating to work; to the left, the newest way of shopping—via the autoped.

S. P. MANAGER PROMISES AID

WILL MAKE ATTEMPT TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE OF FREIGHT CARS.

State Public Service Commission Advised of Some Reasons for Prevailing Conditions.

Portland, Sept. 22.—President Sproule of the Southern Pacific, told the State Public Service commission today his railroad would make another attempt to quickly relieve the freight car famine. He revealed no program.

UNIQUE RECORD IS CLAIMED

Spokane Baggage Station Had Trouble Once in Two Years

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 18.—In two years 275,000 pieces of baggage have passed through the Spokane union railway station, with the loss of only one package, according to the report of Superintendent James P. Rodgers.

"The lost baggage was a roll belonging to a lumberjack who came into Spokane," said Mr. Rodgers. "It never was found, though every effort was made to locate it. It was paid for within a week."

All kinds of parcels and packages are checked through the station from the traveling man's huge trunks to animals and canary birds.

During the early evening hours when many passenger trains come and go, there is the greatest activity. Persons leaving find their way without confusion, each to his own train; those coming in get quickly through the station and are started on their way into the city, and the arrangement is such that no matter how many trains are on the tracks at one time, it is not necessary for baggage or passengers to cross a track.

Ticket Broker Seriously Ill.

San Francisco, Sept. 22.—Adolph Ottinger, for years the biggest factor in the railroad ticket brokerage business in the west, and more recently passenger traffic adviser for the Portland & San Francisco Steamship company, is seriously ill at the Adler Sanitarium. Ottinger is popularly reported as having made a million dollars as a ticket broker.

2 MEN BURNED UNDER AN AUTO

Galveston, Sept. 22.—A big crowd today watched two men burn to death under an overturned automobile, when the tank exploded. The flames spread rapidly and spectators were unable to extricate the victims.

A girl, thrown clear of the wreck, was instantly killed. The dead are: H. T. Roach, W. S. Dennis and Claudy Collier.

WILSON'S POLICY DECLARED UNFRIENDLY TO LABOR MEN

En Route, Hughes Tour, Indiana, Sept. 22.—Governor Hughes is near a complete breakdown. His program may be curtailed. In spite of his condition he steadfastly forestalled an attempt to cancel the rest of his afternoon's speeches.

Anderson, Indiana, Sept. 22.—Governor Hughes declared in a very brief platform speech here today that Wilson's arbitration attitude was unfriendly to labor.

"Labor leaders should think carefully before surrendering collective bargaining principles and substitute presidential establishment of wages by laws."

Mr. Hughes is the hoarsest he has been. Mrs. Hughes, noticing the difficulty with which he was trying to speak, signalled the engineer to start the train and thus cut short his speech here.

Wilson to Discuss New Law
Long Beach, Sept. 22.—President Wilson makes his first personal pre-election appeal tomorrow, when he addresses Trenton businessmen from his summer home veranda. Mr. Wilson is expected to discuss the eight-hour law and will point out the law was established at the foundation for meeting foreign trade competition after the war.

He confers with Ambassador Page tonight, discussing the blacklist and mail questions.

Loss Reported Serious
Portland, Sept. 22.—Oregon lumber manufacturers made a strong showing before the car shortage investigation today, showing that serious

FULL SERVICE ON CAR LINES IS PROMISED

THREATENED GENERAL STRIKE IN NEW YORK DOESN'T DEPRESS MAGNATES

TEN SERIOUSLY HURT IN STREET ACCIDENT

Street Car Strike Accident List Now 100—Authorities Assure Strikers Violence Will Be Met With Call for Military Forces—All Lines May Run Tonight.

New York, Sept. 22.—A coal truck hit a crowded taxi-cab today and 10 were seriously hurt. This has brought the casualty list as a result of the car strike, to 100.

Philip Colaneri, a chauffeur, was arrested on a charge of speeding.

New York Railways Co. today announced its intention of resuming full service tonight, despite the threatened general strike.

Rioters Are Given Warning
New York, Sept. 22.—Mayor Mitchell last night informed labor leaders that the full civil and military powers would be employed to suppress violence and disorders in case of the general strike going into effect.

THE LAND OFFICE RUSH IS BIG.
Homestead Final Proof and Many Applications Before Officers.

Friday was a business day for United States land office officials. James Herbert of Union began a long list of official transactions by making final proof on a homestead. Leslie L. Haller and William Frazier appeared as witnesses in support of his contentions.

Other transactions were: Edward Glison, Richland homestead application; Ira L. Haller, Union, additional homestead application; Richard S. Snider, Trester, timber and stone claim application; Orin Ledgerwood, Trester, homestead application; Fred Creighton, Cottonwood, timber and stone; Will Sproul, Monument, homestead application; Will B. Deward, Richland, homestead application; Roy C. Wright, Trester, homestead application; Adele Beck, Walla Walla, homestead application.

Fine of \$10 Given.

Jas. Owens has been fined \$10 by Judge Eakin, after being arrested on a drunken charge.

loss has already been entailed on account of lack of cars. Shippers say that California equipment is not scarce and that the railroad men are good at "passing the buck."

HAROLD WELCOME IS WINNER. Sets New Track Record at Ontario Race Meet This Week.

Ontario, Or., Sept. 22.—The Ontario track record of 2:15 1-4, made in 1912 in the free-for-all pace by Bland S., owned by McDade of Vancouver, B. C., was broken the opening day of the fair here in the second heat of the 2:14 pace when Harold Welcome, a La Grande horse, made the mile in 2:14.3-4. He took three straight.

The trotting record of the Northwest on a half-mile track was lowered to 2:14 1-4 by the big stallion, The Corsair, at the La Grande races week before last.

Boy Struck by Jitney.

Eugene, Sept. 21.—Conrad Smith, aged 10, was struck by a jitney yesterday afternoon as he was returning from school and the physicians at the Eugene hospital, where he was taken, say he cannot recover.

To Have Municipal Water System.
John Day, Sept. 22.—The city council has made a filing for water rights as a preliminary to installing a municipal water system.

Western Banker Elected

Cincinnati, Sept. 22.—E. G. Williams of Los Angeles has been elected president of the American Institute of Banking at the convention here.

U. S. SENATOR ON WAY TO OREGON

United States Senator George E. Chamberlain is returning to his home state and will very likely pass through La Grande this evening or tomorrow morning. Private advices received by Nolan Skiff, receiver of the land office, spoke of Mr. Chamberlain's purpose of attending the Round-Up one day if possible, and this leads Mr. Skiff to anticipate the senator's arrival in La Grande tonight or tomorrow morning.

Idaho Banker Dead.

Boise, Sept. 21.—C. W. Moore, aged 81, well known banker, died at his home here today. He crossed the plains in 1852 and the following year settled on land which afterward became a part of the site of Idaho's capital. He was one of the founders of the First National bank of Idaho, and was active in business up to the time of his death.

Elgin Has Drinking Fountains.
Elgin, Sept. 22.—Through the efforts of the local civic league, two sanitary drinking fountains are being installed on Front street. The sewer system along the principal streets is rapidly approaching completion.

Summer Schedule Near End.
Effective Sunday September 30, the following changes will be made in train service on the Joseph branch: Sunday trains Nos. 29 and 30 will be discontinued, and trains Nos. 31 and 32 will run daily, including Sunday, on same schedule as at present.

GRAND STAND ROOM IS SURE

BLOCK OF 200 ROUND-UP SEATS AVAILABLE ON TRAIN SATURDAY MORNING.

Special Accommodations Provided for La Grande People—Other Local News.

At 7 o'clock tomorrow morning a special train pulls out of La Grande for the Pendleton Round-Up and the schedule is such that it will arrive in time to let passengers witness the Westward-ho parade—the only one of its kind during the week.

Traveling Passenger Agent Hicks has wired from Pendleton that he will be in La Grande to take charge of the train and will have a block of 200 grandstand seats in his possession and that La Grander can buy their grand stand seats from him on the way over.

Such as do not go on the special however, are given a timely bit of advice from La Grande people who attended yesterday. A. B. Cherry was one of those who stood in line a long time and was told there was nothing for him when he did reach the window, but when he remarked he was from La Grande he was quickly given a good seat as certain sections are held out each day for the La Grande people.

The special returns to La Grande tomorrow night, leaving Pendleton at 11 a. m.

A hundred and ten tickets have been sold from La Grande to Pendleton.

Grand Jurors Indict Nine.

A total of nine true bills and three not true bills of indictment have been returned by the grand jury which has been in session up to this noon. A final report has been filed and the jurors excused for the present but not dismissed. They will continue through the October term of court.

Among the bills of indictment returned since yesterday noon, are J. C. Clary, accused of larceny; Roy Simpson, accused of larceny from a warehouse; Charley Smith, accused of attempting an immoral act. These men are in jail and the other indictments are secret.

The report in full follows: "To Hon. J. W. Knowles, judge of the above entitled court:

"We, the grand jury for the June term, report that at the present session we have met three days and have returned into court nine true bills of indictment and three not true bills of indictment."

"We have been constrained to find not true bills in connection with certain liquor transactions at North Powder, but at the same time wish to commend officers at North Powder for their apparent consistent efforts to enforce the prohibition law at that place."

"We thank your honor, the district attorney and bailiff for courtesies extended and now await the further order of the court."

"Dated at La Grande, Oregon, September 22, A. D. 1916."

Trial Continues.

The A. Fine and S. F. Richardson case over a river irrigation dam continues to hold the attention of circuit court today. It is an equity case.

LOCAL HORSES MENAGED BY A FIRE IN BARN

FAMOUS LEVY SHETLANDS ARE RESCUED FROM CONFLAGRATION LAST NIGHT

SPLENDID DRAFT HORSE STRING IN DANGER TOO

Tramp Enters Barn to Sleep Over Night and Soon Fire Breaks Out and Spreads Threatening Big Buildings at the Fair Grounds in Salem—Tramp Missing.

Salem, Sept. 22.—About 30 head of famous M. S. Levy Shetland ponies of Union, and a carload of Grande Ronde valley draft stock which has won blue ribbons in all the fairs of the Northwest in the past—all owned by J. E. Reynolds of La Grande and Will R. Ledbetter of Alice—narrowly escaped cremation last night when fire destroyed a big barn adjacent to the state fair grounds.

Authorities fear that a tramp, who has asked permission to sleep in the barn, has been burned. Flames appeared shortly after the tramp went into the structure. He is missing.

Big buildings of the fair grounds proper were menaced by the blaze.

Three carloads of exhibit horses sent from Union county, lay in the path of the flames, but the animals were removed without harm to any of them.

G. S. Levy, a La Grande druggist sent no stock to the Salem fair this year, and the horses and Shetlands endangered were his brother M. S. Levy's entries from Union. The horses, buggies, harnesses and other traps that go with the famous string of Shetlands, represent a big outlay of money. The draft horses owned by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Ledbetter, would have entailed a loss of thousands of dollars to each man had injury befallen them.

Gridiron Sport Begins.

New York, Sept. 22.—Tomorrow will be kick-off day for the Great American Pigskin's new season.

Of course the sport manual says last Saturday was the official date, but there wasn't any honest to goodness football, though one game was played.

Among the so-called big teams in the East, Harvard and Dartmouth will see their schedules start, and Penn State will get into action.

Dartmouth will take on New Hampshire State university in the first of its games at Hanover, and at Cambridge Harvard will go through its first tussle with Colby college as its opponent. Neither of these games is considered more than a practice contest for the big teams.

Penn State will get its first workout with Susquehanna as its opponent at State college.

Neither Yale, Princeton nor Cornell will get into action until the following Saturday, so Dartmouth and Harvard will have the advantage of one scrimmage practice against an unknown opponent.

None of the large western colleges is scheduled for a game tomorrow. In the "big nine" regulations prohibit the start of football practice until Sept. 20, so the opening of the season necessarily is delayed.

The eastern contests will give an opportunity for fans to get something of a line on what may be expected of Dartmouth, Harvard and Penn State in the more important games which are to follow.

New Hampshire, while not rated high, probably will offer enough opposition to Dartmouth to force some good football. Harvard, also, probably will have to try out its best tactics in order to score decisively over Colby. The Harvard squad is new and the result of this first game will be watched with more than ordinary interest.

Hughes Defines the True American.
Lafayette, Ind., Sept. 21.—Charles E. Hughes, in his second address today defines the true American as the man who rejoices in the equal distribution of prosperity. The tariff issue is vital, as protection is needed to prevent disaster following the world war. "I want to see a great driving force of patriotism in the United States," declared the Republican candidate.

McCormack Left Large Estate.
Salem, Sept. 21.—The estate left by E. P. McCormack, who died July 28, 1916, is valued at about \$800,000, according to the appraisement. The will provides for bequests to immediate relatives of \$100,000, and the remaining \$700,000 goes principally to nieces and nephews, many of whom will receive \$27,000 each.