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RUSSIA WILL NOT FIGHT THIS WINTER

CHIEF OF POLICE MADE THREAT TO KILL BAKER

"YOU'LL EITHER GO TO JAIL OR
THE UNDERTAKERS," HE
TOLD CITIZEN.

ALSO CLUBBED HIM WITH BILLY CLUB

Although Accused of Intoxication
Prominent Citizens Testify the
Three Men Arrested Were Sober—
Chief Gave No Reason For Arresting
These Three Men.

"You'll either go to jail or the undertakers," Chief of Police Rayburn told Roll Baker Sunday afternoon, according to testimony given at the trial of Baker and his two companions, Jake Biever and Ed Boylen, held in the Municipal court last night.

According to the chief's testimony, he found the three men in an intoxicated condition in the cigar store of Chris Wright on Fir street on the afternoon of October 28. Other witnesses and reliable citizens testified they were sober. He told them they were drunk and ordered them to accompany him to the police station. Baker refused, he stated, and struck him on the forehead. He (the Chief) then drew his billy club and struck Baker three times on the head during which time Baker was grappling with him in self defense.

Upon reaching the station the chief states that he had difficulty in getting the men to enter the jail and was forced to threaten them in order to make them obey him. The chief further stated that when the prisoners were placed in the jail that everything in the jail was in perfect condition and that on returning five hours later he found broken dishes, a broken chair, and broken window pane strewn about on the floor and that the radiator had been broken in two places. The Chief's story was corroborated only by Policemen J. C. Christensen and George Dye.

William Ash, the next witness called, testified that Baker had been in his employ for thirteen years during which time he (Ash) had never seen him drunk, had never seen him take a drink of liquor or heard of his doing so.

Deputy Sheriff Wayne Graham, J. D. McKennon and Dr. H. S. Brown called by the city, testified as to the condition of the jail.

A. F. Liley stated that he talked to one of the men only a short time before their arrest and that at that time he saw no indications of intoxication.

Dr. P. A. Charlton, Charles B. Spencer and Chris Wright testified that they did not notice any signs of intoxication on the three men. None of these witnesses saw Baker strike the Chief and none of them heard the chief give the men any reason for arresting them, nor did he formally place them under arrest. The conversation, according to Charles Spencer, was as follows:

"Is that your car outside?" Rayburn asked. When Biever said that it was, Rayburn said, "Come on all of you and take a ride with me to the police station."

"What for?" demanded Baker.

"Never mind what for," the Chief said, "come on, all three of you."

"I won't go," said Baker.

"You will go," said Rayburn, and the two clinked. During the mixup the Chief struck Baker three times on the head cutting his forehead.

The trial was adjourned at ten o'clock and will be continued this evening at 7:30 at which time further witnesses will be called.

The cases are being tried separately.

Shortage Of Steel And Coal Reported

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 2.—Steel and coal are forcing the curtailment and manufacture of pleasure automobiles and the readjustment of the whole automobile industry, it is announced. The war industries board and motor manufacturers are discussing the situation.

The Weather.
PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 2.—The U. S. weather forecast:
Rain.

Finland Is To Become Republic

(United Press.)
HELSINGFORS, Finland, Nov. 2.—The Finnish senate drafted a bill proposing that it elect a president of the Finnish republic. Steps toward Finland's independence have been taken.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS TO GO ON STRIKE

(United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 2.—Electrical workers of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company will begin a strike tonight unless the company before 6 o'clock accepts Federal Mediator Reed's compromise suggestion. Union officials stated.

Reed's proposition involved granting the men a 12 1-2 per cent wage increase and recognition of the Telephone Operators' Union.

(United Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. will not recognize the Telephone Operators' Union under any circumstances, General Manager Fullerton said in turning down Mediator Reed's proposal.

Philadelphia Mayor To Be Impeached

(United Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 2.—The Grand Jury recommended the impeachment of Mayor Thomas Smith, and the removal of the director of public safety Wilson. Smith is charged with misconduct in office, conspiracy to commit murder, contempt of court, in connection with the primary election rioting.

Mayor Gill To Clean Up Seattle

(United Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 2.—Mayor Gill instructed the police to clean up Seattle. Policemen will be stationed in every cafe. Certain dance halls will be closed immediately. Mayor Gill aims to make Seattle safe for soldiers.

BALBOA'S SWORD IS PRIZED BY MARINES

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 2.—A sword, broken and rusty, but with the hilt intact, said to have been bathed in the waters of the Pacific by Balboa centuries ago, is among the prized relics of the United States Marine Corps. The weapon was found in the grip of a dead revolutionary leader by a Marine during the rebel uprising in Nicaragua in 1912. It formerly resided in a museum at Leon. At that time the steel of the sword was in fairly good condition and could be bent double without breaking, after four centuries of use. According to traditions, Balboa killed many natives with it prior to his discovery of the Pacific.

HUMOROUS VEIN DISPLAYED BY POPE BENEDICT XIV

(United Press.)
ROME, Oct. 10.—(By Mail.)—Probably the world does not look for humor in Benedict XIV. But a story, now going the local rounds, reveals this vein in him.

Italy numbers many self-styled artists, who paint their best pictures in imagination. One of them, an American, recently did a pretentious portrait of the Pope from a photograph. Proudly he took his masterpiece to the Vatican, beseeching a signature and a biblical reference from His Holiness.

Without a moment's hesitation the Holy Father wrote, "It is I! Have no fear!"

Then he signed his name with a flourish beneath it.

GREAT HEROISM IS SHOW BY ITALIAN ARMY

IT MADE POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF GEN. CADORNA'S ARMY INTACT.

ALMOST SURROUNDED. ITALIANS CUT WAY OUT

Infantry, Airplanes, Motorcycle Detachments, Faced Great Masses of the Enemy Until Main Body of Third Army Could Withdraw.

(By JOHN HEARLEY, United Press Correspondent.)

ROME, Nov. 2.—Unparalleled heroism of the Italians made possible the withdrawal of General Cadorna's Third Army, practically intact.

The withdrawal of the Third Army was a strategic feat unapproached by any war maneuver.

Practically encircled, the Italians cut themselves out, fighting day after day without complaint, and enduring an overwhelming superiority in arms and men.

Infantry, cavalry, airplanes and motorcycle detachments magnificently faced great masses of the enemy until the main body of the Third Army could safely withdraw.

A certain section of the Second Army held Isonzo Heights when the approaches were literally alive with the enemy.

Detachments charged to certain death so that their comrades could escape.

Both Sides Use Gunfire. (United Press.)

ROME, Nov. 2.—The Italian gunfire repulsed the enemy patrols along the Tagliamento River, it is officially stated. Artillery was reciprocal.

KING AT THE FRONT

(United Press.)
ROME, Nov. 2.—King Emmanuel and Premier Orlando are at the front, it is announced.

CLAIM CZARINA MADE WAY WITH CROWN JEWELS

PARIS, Oct. 3.—(By Mail.)—People here in touch with Russian affairs declare there is great likelihood of the Czarina being put on trial as an enemy of the nation. One of the chief accusations against the former Empress is that she made away with the crown jewels and other treasure, which is the property of the nation. Investigation has proved that the jewels of the imperial crown and a series of priceless tapestries in the Hermitage and the Winter Palace are imitations, the originals having been exported so that they might be preserved for the Romanoff dynasty in case of a revolution.

College Anniversary.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Nov. 2.—The silver anniversary of Columbia college will be celebrated by a banquet here tonight. Dr. W. J. Westbrook, president of the University of British Columbia, will speak.

New Tax Laws Are Now In Effect

Here are the new war taxes which are now in effect:

- Five cents on all telephone calls, telegrams or radiograms costing more than five cents.
- Eight percent on water or rail passenger fares for trips of more than 40 miles.
- Three percent on freight charges.
- Ten percent on Pullman car seats or berths.
- Eight cents on each \$100 of life insurance.
- Ten percent on club dues exceeding \$12 a year.
- One cent on each twenty-cent express charge or 25 cents parcel post packages.
- Tobacco taxes go into effect at once.
- Three-cent postage for letters and two cents for postcards begin today.

THIS IS A BUSY DAY AT THE ELK'S CLUB

SEVERAL HUNDRED WOMEN ARE WORKING ON SURGICAL DRESSINGS.

GREAT WORK IS BEING DONE HERE

Hundreds of Bandages and Dressings Will Be Shipped to Red Cross Headquarters Tomorrow.

If at any time during the morning or early afternoon you happened to see a woman or a group of women streaking off down the street with a small bag under one arm it is a safe bet that she or they were headed for the Red Cross meeting at the Elk's Club. Or if on coming home this noon you found a cold lunch laid out for you, you should have known at once that your wife was hard at work on surgical dressings along with some 200 other women.

All morning long these women, over 200 of them, sewed, counted and wrapped up score upon score of bandages and surgical dressings which will be shipped to Red Cross headquarters tomorrow.

Have you ever watched your wife work around the house and marveled at the amount of work one little woman can accomplish in a short time? Then think of over 200 of these same busy women all working at top speed, everyone of them knowing just what to do and just how to do it. Is it any wonder that in a single day they can turn out over 600 hospital garments?

Two hundred women were at work this morning, this afternoon they came in crowds. The Elk's hall soon became too small and the overflow was sent to the Masonic hall. The Pythian Sisters came in a body and singly and in groups women from all over the city arrived to do their share.

The articles finished by tonight will be included in the shipment which will be sent to the Red Cross headquarters tomorrow.

UNCLE SAM PAYS THRIFT DIRECTOR DOLLAR A YEAR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Twenty years ago Frank A. Vanderlip arrived in Washington to be private secretary to Lyman J. Gage, at that time secretary of the treasury.

Today Vanderlip, president of the largest bank in the United States, and the directing genius in corporations of world wide prowess, commanding a salary running way up in the thousands, is on Uncle Sam's payroll at \$1 per year.

Vanderlip is chairman of the War Savings Committee which will wage a nation wide crusade for thrift beginning next December. He is planning to sell \$2,000,000,000 worth of war-saving certificates in denominations as low as \$5.

He says he is going to hang onto his dollar a year job "until the war is won."

Steamer Governor Is Pulled Off Rocks

(United Press.)
SAN PEDRO, Cal., Nov. 2.—The steamer Governor, stranded on the rocks, was floated and is being towed into harbor.

Seven Killed On Transport Finland

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 2.—Seven were killed and one is missing when the American transport Finland was submerged, the Navy Department announced.

HAIG REPORTS TAKING GERMAN PRISONERS

LONDON, Nov. 2.—General Haig reported minor British operations south and west of Passendale, and south of Poelcapelle slightly improved positions. A number of Germans were taken prisoners.

City Visits Railroads Yards

The City Commission inspected the proposed changes of the railroad yards yesterday. It was found that the change that the company asks to be allowed to make of the switch at Fir street would relieve congestion and would in that way be a benefit. The proposed extension of the yards west was considered satisfactory if the county and railroad company could agree on a crossing.

GRANDE RONDE VALLEY FARMERS INTENSIFY ON CULTIVATION OF LAND

Hoover's appeal to the farmers of the Nation to increase their acreage of wheat as well as other crops has been taken very seriously by the ranchers of the Grande Ronde Valley. Practically every rancher has increased his acreage under cultivation to the limit of his capacity. Many of them having purchased tractors and three-bottom ploughs.

Owing to the scarcity of farm labor and tremendous increase in the prices of feed for stock and wages demanded by farm and harvest hands tractors and engines for hauling gang ploughs, discs and harrows are now an absolute necessity.

A flance over the ranches tributary to La Grande by an Observer reporter the past week showed that W. H. Hutchinson, of Union, was busy putting in many more acres of wheat on the home ranch and was also ploughing for 80 acres of alfalfa on the ranch recently purchased by him. Mr. Hutchinson is one of the recent purchasers of tractor engine ploughs complete and intends running his Sampson tractor night and day.

Walter Clark, of Alicel, has his ranch ploughed up and his tractor under cover and ready for the Spring work.

Tom and Everett Walsinger, of Alicel, have both gone in for machine power and are rushing the work of ploughing and preparing every inch of their two ranches of 160 acres each.

Ray Griner, also of Alicel, has all of the home ranch ploughed and expects to finish the last 50 acres this week. He finds the cost of ploughing, disk-ing, harrowing and seeding, not only can be done in a third less time, but that the cost per acre is cut in two by up-to-date machinery.

Many of the Cove ranchers are practically through with their Fall ploughing and seeding, and are rushing their machines during every hour of daylight to take advantage of these glorious Indian Summer days. Among the busy ones are Lloyd Carter, B. W. Peterman and Frank Conley, of Cove; Will Schwelke, of La Grande, and Will Ledbetter, of Alicel.

Around North Powder also can be seen prominent ranchers starting their machines at daylight and working up to dark. John Shaw has 300 acres in one ranch and 80 in another in wheat. "Boss" John Shaw will have over 200 of his 320 also in wheat. E. O. Wilson 320 or more of his 640-acre ranch is under plough for wheat.

Alva Peters will put in probably over 500 acres of his 640-acre farm. George Carns, who raises 80 acres of first-class spuds this summer, is working every yard possible on his 320 acres. McMeritt will probably have 300 of his 320-acre ranch in cultivation.

Everyone of these well known ranchers of the Powder Valley are doing "their bit" to the utmost of their ability and are determined that if brains, muscle and engine power can raise crops the Grande Ronde and Powder Valleys will be in the front rank.

New American Troops In Trenches

(United Press.)
AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Nov. 2.—The first contingent of Americans sent into the trenches were withdrawn and new troops are replacing them.

The first case of trench feet was discovered among the Americans.

The general health and morale of the Americans is excellent.

BURDEN OF WAR SHIFTED ONTO THE ALLIES

EMPIRE WILL WITHDRAW FROM ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.

WILL NOT MAKE SEPARATE PEACE THOUGH

To Establish Stable Government Will Require Tremendous Struggle—Austro-Germans Will Be Released for Italian-French Offensive.

(By Ed L. Keen, United Press Correspondent.)

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Russia will not fight this winter.

Officials believe Russia is counted out as a military participant. England, France and the United States must bear the brunt of the war.

By Robert J. Bender, United Press Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 2.—The Russian embassy announced that while the empire is withdrawing from active military participation, Russia would not make a separate peace.

The tremendous struggle to establish stable government after the revolution has worn out Russia.

Until next Spring, at least, Russia is shunting the burden of active warfare on the allies' shoulders.

Secretary of State Lansing declared any statement that Russia would quit the war entirely is unwarranted.

Petrograd dispatches quoting Premier Kerensky as declaring Russia must turn the war burdens over to the allies created comment here.

Russia's participation is important because a million and a half Germans, Austrians and Turks are engaged on the Russian front.

A Russian peace would release great forces of Teutons for the Italian-French offensive.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT SENDS RUSSIA \$31,700,000.

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 2.—Indicating American faith in Russia, the Treasury Department announced it would authorize a \$31,700,000 warrant to be drawn for Russia immediately.

Gaston Means To Be Tried At Concord

(United Press.)
CONCORD, N. C., Nov. 2.—Gaston means will be tried for the murder of Mrs. King here in his home town. The court denied the state's motion to remove the case to an adjoining county.

La Grande To Play Enterprise Tomorrow

The La Grande High school football team will play Enterprise High school tomorrow afternoon at Enterprise. The boys left this afternoon at 2 o'clock in cars.

Those in the team who will play tomorrow from La Grande are: McDonald, Walsinger, Garrity, Moon, Gent, Spencer, Wright, J. Ash, C. Ash, McClure, R. Lyman, E. Lyman, Root, T. Taylor, P. Taylor, Newlin, Stoddard.

BRITISH DUDES SEND OUT S. O. S. "SAVE OUR STYLES"

(United Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 12.—(By Mail.)—The British government is working on plans to standardize the clothes of the stay-at-homes to save wool.

Up on Saville row the habitat of dudes—the British for them is "nuts"—there is fear and trembling. If the dread decree goes into effect how is one to be distinguished from one's valet?

Already the government has a scheme completed to produce a standard cloth for civilian wear at a standard price, the same as potatoes, wheat or sugar.

And the nuts are sending out the S. O. S. call—save our style.