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HERTLING ON PEACE ONCE MORE

SAYS THE GERMAN LEADERS WILL CONSIDER HONEST & SINCERE PROPOSALS

CLAIMS GERMANY IS FORCED TO CONTINUE

Asserts That Speeches of Wilson and Balfour Show That Allies Are Willing to See Germany Destroyed and Fight Must Continue.

LONDON, July 12.—(By United Press.)—Chancellor von Hertling, in the Reichstag, has declared that the leaders of Germany are ready to consider any sincere peace proposals from the entente allies.

The German chancellor said that the recent speeches of President Wilson and Balfour plainly indicate that our enemies are willing to destroy Germany, and, under the circumstances, Germany is forced to continue the struggle.

He declared that the closest unity exists among the political and military leaders of Germany regarding their readiness to receive and consider sincere peace proposals coming from the allies.

WELSH TROOPS MAKE RAID. LONDON, July 12.—(By United Press.)—Field-Marshal Haig reports that the British have captured more than 120 prisoners and 10 machine guns in a minor enterprise southwest of Merris yesterday.

BERLIN CONFIRM CAPTURE. BERLIN, July 12.—(By United Press.)—Five airplanes of an American squadron of six, which intended to carry out a raid on the city of Coblenz, were captured, and the crews taken prisoner, the war office announces.

DESTROYER TILLMAN

Late Senator Was Member of the Naval Affairs Committee. Secretary Daniels has named the latest destroyer the Tillman in honor of the late Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate.

Senator Tillman had been a member of the Naval Affairs Committee for nearly twenty-four years, in feeble health, he has given himself unstintingly to the work of increasing the navy, often permitting his zeal to overtake his strength.

A DEMONSTRATION TRAIN

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Uncle Sam is going into the county fair business. This summer and fall, ten baggage cars full of government exhibits will tour the country, carrying to the remotest corners examples of what is being done to win the war.

WOMAN SOLDIER DEAD

Life Short for Mrs. H. Carter, Whose Sex Is Discovered on Shipboard. DOUGLAS, Ariz., July 12.—Mrs. Hazel Carter, who last fall went with an infantry regiment from Douglas to France, disguised as a soldier, died at Lordsburg, N. M., today.

RAYMOND T. BAKER



Raymond T. Baker, director of the mint, who recently married Mrs. Reginald Wynne Vanderbilt.

GIRLS CANNING TEAM OF CITY

PREPARED TO DO RED CROSS CANNING FOR THE PUBLIC

Miss Inez Knowles Is the Captain—Meet Thursdays in High School Building.

A. N. Prince, Y. M. C. A. secretary, and ex-officio emergency city and county O. A. C. extension service agent, announced this morning that he had arranged with Miss Inez Knowles, the daughter of Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles to lead the canning club class of girls in the high school.

This team, or club, meet every Thursday in the high school building to can fruit or vegetables and will take orders from the ladies of the city to put up their fruits, or vegetables, all the proceeds of their work to be donated to the Red Cross local chapter.

The price this team will charge its patrons in La Grande for their services will be left to the judgment of Miss Helen Cowgill, state boys and girls club leader, who is scheduled to be in La Grande on the 18th, 19th and 20th of this month.

In the meantime, as Mrs. Ivanhoe, the county school superintendent is away from the city on her annual vacation, Mr. Prince has arranged meeting for Miss Cowgill in Island City, Union and Cove.

CAUSE FOR WAR AGAINST TURKEY

TURKS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUTRAGES AGAINST U. S. PROPERTY AT TABRIZ.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—(By United Press.)—Turkish regulars were responsible for the outrages against the American consulate and hospital at Tabriz, the state department has learned from the Spanish governor. This has aggravated the strained relations between the United States and Turkey.

FORTY CENTS AN HOUR

Is Declared "Living Wage" By War Board. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—(By United Press.)—Forty cents per hour is declared a "living wage" by the War Labor Board, in a decision affecting eight plants at Waynesboro, Penna. A basic eight hour day was also ordered.

TURKS MUTINY. ATHENS, July 12.—(By United Press.)—A Turkish regiment ordered mutinied and murdered its Moorish officers. The mutineers were later pardoned.

BRITISH DROP BOMBS.

LONDON, July 12.—(By United Press.)—The air minister today announced that 13 German airplanes were felled by the British on the 10th of July. Four British machines were lost. Ten tons of bombs were dropped and dugouts were destroyed.

BERAT IS REPORTED AS FALLEN

STRATEGIC CENTER GOES INTO THE HANDS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

GREAT BOOTY FELL IN TO THE ALLIES HANDS

Immediate Objective of the Allied Offensive Was Gained And Many Prisoners As Well As War Material Is Secured.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—(By United Press.)—Official dispatches to the Italian embassy here declare that Berat is fallen before the Italian forces advancing in Albania.

Berat is the strategic center of the road to Servia, and was the immediate objective of the allied offensive. A great quantity of war booty and many prisoners were taken.

AN OLD TIME SCOOP

English Reporter Resorted To Use Of The Wire. LONDON, July 12.—(By United Press.)—William Le Sage, editor of the Daily Telegraph, who has just been made a knight, first broke into journalistic fame in England through a feat of resourcefulness that gave his paper a 24-hour scoop and knocked the pins from under his competitors.

Le Sage was covering an assignment at a seaport town in competition with a dozen other reporters, all old, experienced heads at the news game.

When he had obtained the facts they went off into quiet corners to write their articles and on finishing, discovered that the last train had left for London. Everybody took it for granted that the piece could not see print until 24 hours later—except Le Sage.

"After long meditation," says the Daily News, "he resolved to send the essentials of his story by telegraph. It was held to be an amazingly daring and ingenious coup. But of course that was a long time ago."

CHURCH PASTOR ARRIVES

Rev. Fred Coley, Of Eugene, Is Established In La Grande. Rev. Fred Coley, of Eugene, Ore., has recently come to La Grande as pastor of the Christian Church, and will occupy the pulpit Sunday. Rev. Coley is a man of pleasing personality, and comes well recommended. All are cordially invited to the services.

HAS BETTER POSITION

Night Patrolman Smith Leaves La Grande For Pendleton. Night Patrolman J. L. Smith left last night for Pendleton, his old home town, to accept a similar position in that city, at a higher salary.

WILSON IS PRAISED

Aim Towards A League Of Nations Is Crystallizing.

LONDON, July 11.—London newspapers today endorsed Herbert Asquith's eulogistic praise of President Wilson during the national liberal club dinner Wednesday night in honor of Admiral Sims, General Biddle and other American officers.

Asquith compared Wilson with Washington and Lincoln, declaring: "President Wilson has carried his people with him in the greatest decision of the age. He has laid before the world the grounds for that decision, in state papers worthy to live side by side with the most sagacious and inspiring utterances of the most famous of his predecessors."

Urging a league of nations, Asquith said: "Wilson has done more than any notable statesman to concentrate the minds of Americans, allies and neutrals upon this, our dominating world-wide aim."

HEAVY RAINS DELAY DRIVE

INTERMITTENT SHOWERS NOW BECOME HEAVY DOWNPOUR

French Make Important Gains On A Five Mile Front, Capturing Strongholds.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT, July 12.—(By United Press.)—Heavy rains along the entire British front seem to insure further delay in the resumption of the German offensive. Intermittent showers which fell yesterday, increased to a steady downpour last night and today.

FRENCH CAPTURES VITAL

PARIS, July 12.—(By United Press.)—Driving forward on a five mile front, the French have again made important gains between the Aisne and the Marne, capturing the village of Longpoint and several adjacent strongholds, according to an official communique.

German artillery is active in the Verdun sector. The French carried out successful raids in the region of Campaign and north of Montdidier.

AMERICAN PLANES MISSING

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—General Pershing reports that five American airplanes are missing as a result of bombardment by anti-aircraft guns.

PACIFIC CABLE PARTS

Direct Communication With Philippines Temporarily Suspended. HONOLULU, T. H., July 12.—The Pacific cable, linking the United States with the Orient, has parted somewhere at sea. Local authorities believe the break occurred near Guam and intimate that communication may be interrupted for two months, during which time messages to the Philippines will have to be sent via Europe at \$2.00 a word.

COAL FAMINE PREDICTED BY PARSONS

LOCAL RAILROAD MANAGERS CALL ATTENTION TO FUEL CONDITION.

STARTLING FIGURES ARE QUOTED IN THE SUPPORT

Government Utilities Must Go On Or We Lose The War—Private Enterprises Must Give Way—Passenger Trains To Be Reduced In Size And Number.

"The United States government is now calling on us, and through every shipper in the land, to load cars to fullest capacity in the first and release the empty cars at once. In the second, and for the firemen on the railroads to use care in firing their engines, making steam with the least possible consumption of coal, and to use only clean coal, to avoid carrying dead ash weight long distances," says Manager M. J. Buckley.

Mr. Buckley called attention to some startling figures, appearing in an article in the Saturday Evening Post, of July 6, on "Our War Limitations," by Floyd W. Parsons, an acknowledged authority on the subject now under discussion in government circles, as by interested people all over the broad land.

After giving some interesting details as to the shortage in cars, Mr. Parsons says something about coal in these words: "The chief concern of American industries and people is the outlook for coal next winter. I do not want to be unduly alarming, but it is impossible to analyze the situation and discover any hope therein. Nothing short of a miracle can prevent a serious fuel scarcity this coming January and February, if not earlier. We are up against a situation that has been a very long time in the making. A few years ago coal formed 35 per cent of the country's total freight; this has gradually decreased until today coal is less than 29 per cent of all the freight that our railroads carry. In 1908 we produced 415,000,000 short tons of coal, and the railroads had 800,000 coal cars in which to move it. This year the production of coal estimated as necessary to fill known requirements will have to total 738,789,000 short tons, of which 100,000,000 short tons are anthracite. To move this large tonnage we have only 950,000 coal cars. In other words, during the last decade the output of coal has increased 70 per cent, and the number of coal cars only 20 per cent. The railroad program as now outlined proposes to increase the coal-car supply 5.2 per cent. At the same time we are aiming to produce 15 per cent more coal. It cannot be done. We shall have to reduce our war program or curtail our less essential industries."

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, July 12.—Probable showers.

CAPT. H. G. NEWCOMBE



Capt. H. G. Newcombe, whose schooner, the Edward H. Cole, was sunk off the New Jersey coast by a raiding submarine.

SPORTSMEN'S ANNUAL EVENT

WING, FIN AND FLEETFOOT CLUB TO HAVE BIG FEED.

Prizes Offered For The Contests To Take Place Sunday And Monday—Banquet Follows

The annual contest of the members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club will be held the coming Sunday and Monday and for this event some extra prizes have been offered. The list up to this date includes:

F. L. Lilly, first prize for largest Eastern brook trout, bamboo rod, value \$6.00.

Putnam Drug Company, first prize for largest Rainbow trout, Bamboo rod, \$6.00.

La Grande Pharmacy, for best average catch, sole leather case, \$7.50.

W. H. Bohnenkamp Co., first prize for largest Dolly Varden, automatic reel, \$6.00.

Golden Rule Company, first prize for largest white fish, flash light, \$3.50.

Bert Hughes, heaviest catch, fly book, \$6.00.

Levy-Vogel Drug Company, second prize for largest Rainbow, basket, \$5.00.

Banquet Monday Evening. The annual banquet will be held on Monday evening. As usual this will be one of the important features of the event, and it is expected that a large number of the club's membership will be in attendance. Those who desire extra seats should see A. V. Andrews, secretary.

LETTER FROM CZAR STILL ALIVE-IN-NEED

WOULD SEEM TO DEMONSTRATE CZAR WAS NOT ASSASSINATED AS REPORTED

BY JOSEPH SHAPLIN. STOCKHOLM, July 12.—Czars letter to former general published here believed to demonstrate czar was not assassinated. It said, "we are living in need. Books denied us. When we left Ekaterinburg bandits sought to do us violence; providence saved us."

STRUCK FLOWING WATER

Artesian Supply at Imbler Has Been Secured. R. A. West has struck a flowing well at the John Berry place at Imbler. The well is 190 feet deep and while the water is not of heavy volume it is of the "over the top" kind. Mr. West has started the sinking of another well in the same locality. He has put down eight wells in all in that district.

MOTOR LAUNCH SUNK.

Craft Was Fired On By German Shore Battery. WASHINGTON, July 12.—The navy department has announced that the motor launch, No. 3429, was sunk by German shore batteries while assisting a French destroyer to tow an American sea plane ashore. Three members of the crew were picked up; two were taken prisoners and two are missing.

LARGE ARMY OF PEASANTS.

STOCKHOLM, July 12.—(By United Press.)—An enormous army composed mainly of peasants, and led by M. Thernoff, leader of the Social Revolutionaries, has reached Moscow, says a dispatch from the old Russian capital.

NEW GRADE GRAIN LAW EXPLAINED

SCHOOL NOW BEING CONDUCTED IN LA GRANDE.

PROF. HYSLOP, OF O. A. C. AND PROF. MARTIN FOR U. S.

Producers And Buyers Attend From All Parts Of Union And Umattila Counties—Harmony Sought To Be Established—School In Session Two Days.

Prof. Geo. R. Hyslop of the Oregon Agricultural College is conducting the grain grading school now in progress in the Y. M. C. A. building.

In a short interview this morning, the professor said, in part: "This new departure, in the way of summer schools, has opened with a much larger registration than I had thought possible on the opening day, with farmers and warehousemen from Eastern Oregon, with others on the way from nearby points over the line in Washington."

"Prof. H. A. Martin, the supervisor of grain inspection for the state, so far as grading is concerned is personally looking after the grading of grains, under the U. S. Government rules—to see that they are enforced, as established by the U. S. Agricultural Department at Washington. The Public Service Commission of the state has made these same rules effective so far as inter-state traffic is concerned."

"This grain grading school will be in session all day, and will close tomorrow night. The object of these grain schools is to acquaint growers or purchasers, with the rules under which their grain must be sold."

The Seed Wheat Question. "I shall, tomorrow, before returning home, inspect certain wheat fields as to their wheat being A1 seed variety, and upon the preservation of fine clean grain for seed in the spring, hangs a large loss, or gain, as the case may be."

In Umattila county we are experimenting now with a variety of wheat especially adapted to sowing in climates like those of all Eastern Oregon, for the most part, on unirrigated land. It is called the Early Baart, and I am interested in the outcome.

"After inspecting a few fields of this variety of spring wheat we can easily establish the result."

Those in Attendance. Those who are enrolled among the attendees include:—H. W. Wagner, G. H. Johnson, O. E. Bergman, of Pendleton; E. A. Dobbin, Mike Hoke, W. H. Spence, Enterprise; W. G. Belth, J. Ross Leslie, Wade Siler, of Joseph; Chris ohnson, J. A. P. Bahn, John Shaw, H. W. Laughlin, North Powder; B. A. Nelson, Haines; J. F. Scholl, J. J. O'Bryan, of Baker; C. L. Bove, Cove; F. A. Bidwell, F. C. Tuttle, Union; J. B. Thompson, Grass Valley; J. H. Jackson, A. J. Poley, Loatine; H. H. Huron, W. E. Wade, E. A. McGoldrick, Stella B. Huron, Imbler; R. Maxwell, Henry Spence, Wallowa; Fred Kiddle, Island City; C. T. Johns, Hot Lake; Frank McKinnon, Albee; Paul H. Spillman, B. F. Owsley, La Grande.

WILL MEET CHILDREN

Mrs. Dutton, of Idaho, Has Arranged Meeting Tomorrow. Mrs. Minnie Priest Dutton, of Idaho, arrived in La Grande this morning and announces that she will meet the children from three to ten years of age on the high school grounds tomorrow afternoon. She is to tell them stories from Eugene Field and give readings and have a social and enjoyable time.

Mrs. Dutton announces that she is to give a lecture and she will give a free talk to girls at a date to be announced.

Mrs. Dutton is a soldier's mother, her son being with the 161st infantry in France.

WAS RED CROSS WORKER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 12.—Miss Goldie Schneider invited 1,000 friends to her wedding, rented a big hall for the occasion, and charged 50 cents admission to the invited guests. The Red Cross got the gate receipts and neither attendance nor number of presents received was cut down by the admission charge.

AUSTRIAN AIR BOMBS SMASH VENETIAN BUILDINGS



Venice is being sadly mutilated by the Austrian raiders, who are dropping their bombs over the picturesque city. This is a view of the Carbon, along which many old and beautiful buildings were demolished.