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WANTS KAISER SURRENDERED BY HOLLAND

Independent in House of Commons Declares Time to Act

STERNER MEN NEEDED, HE SAYS

Germans Tried for War Atrocities Without Results Riles Englishman.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Horace Bottomley, independent, declared in the House of Commons that Holland should be called upon to surrender the Kaiser. The question was raised over recent trials of German accused of acts in violation of the rules of civilized warfare. He said if the administration found itself unable to deal with the matter effectively it should make way for men made of sterner stuff.

STEAM USED FOR AIRSHIPS

New System Invented by Britisher Has Distinct Advantages

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Invention of a system of steam propulsion for airships by Captain W. P. Durrant, who was a British naval officer during the war and up to a year ago staff captain in the Chief Mechanical and Electrical Engineer's department of the Royal Air Force. It is maintained that the new system will function at altitudes hitherto unattainable with the ordinary type of internal combustion engine.

The invention is said to do away completely with the ordinary boiler, the steam being generated by means of internal-combustion power or heat energy. The superheated steam heat energy is supplied to special steam motors which are reversible and can be controlled from a central station. Only heavy oil is used as fuel and it is claimed that the driving machinery can be safely placed inside the frame of the airship instead of in separate condenser outside, thus bringing about a great reduction in air resistance and consequently reducing the power required for propulsion. The engines or "steam motors," as Captain Durrant calls them, are of the double-acting type requiring no flywheels.

WILL BID FOR ULSTER HELP

Debate on Reply to Britain Is Begun in the Irish Parliament.

DUBLIN, Aug. 18.—Debate on reply of the Irish parliament to the British offer was begun in the executive session today. The general belief is that the Irish Eireann will not break negotiations but take action to secure co-operation of the Ulsters.

TO USE IDLE LANDS.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 17.—National lands in the territory of Quintana Roo which have stood idle since 1905 are to be divided into small tracts and sold on easy terms to farmers who can give suitable financial references. The distribution of these lands was suspended on December 15, 1909, in order to allow for a complete survey.

Prune Prices Open Five Cents Lower This Year

SALEM, Aug. 18.—The opening of prune prices of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association for this year's dried prune crop on a bulk basis was announced today at ten and three-quarters cents for thirty-forties, nine

Army Officers Are Seriously Charged in the Bergdoll Case

INVESTIGATION IS
BEING CONTINUED

Investigation of the Beaver Creek pipe line relative to the repair of the present water supply system so as to make it serviceable for another two or three years were begun last week and two recorders were installed at the city reservoir to ascertain the amount of water used at any time during the day and also to ascertain the amount of leakage from the reservoir and through the overflow pipe.

This morning R. E. Koon, consulting engineer who has charge of the work, left for Beaver Creek with a party of three men and four pack horses to continue the investigations. The party is going into the hills prepared to stay a week or ten days, the time it will require to finish the work.

"DEAD" MAN WANTS ESTATE

JOLIET, Ill., Aug. 18.—A. W. Swanson, 36, "long dead" husband, walked into a lawyer's office here Tuesday and asked how he could regain his estate which was settled in the Will county court two years ago by his wife, who is now married again. The former Mrs. Swanson married Harry Doeman, a California business man, in 1913 after she had neither seen nor heard from her husband for 18 years.

According to Mrs. Swanson's story she married Mr. Swanson at Joliet when she was 17 years old. They lived happily for two years when her husband suddenly disappeared, supposedly to find work in Virginia. Left alone with an infant son, Mrs. Swanson was forced to return to the home of her parents where she lived until she had the estate settled, after she was convinced he was dead. When her estate was settled she married her present husband and moved to California.

Mr. Swanson had little to say Tuesday about the remarriage of his wife and made no indication that he would try to uphold his past. He admitted he had given his family no notice of his whereabouts during the 18 years he was away from home. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Swanson is 19 years old, married and living at Long Beach, Calif.

GARBAGE COLLECTORS ARE NOT ON THE JOB

The kitchen range as a garbage incinerator was recommended by City Attorney James D. Slater at last night's meeting of the city commission when it was reported that housewives had quit in some parts of the city where in the past they had been collecting garbage free of charge and feeding it to their hogs.

Under the present city ordinance it is entirely up to the people to see that garbage is removed and individuals are liable to fine if they allow garbage to stand in the alleys and become objectionable. City Manager George Garrett stated that in his opinion the city should have an incinerator and Mr. Slater expressed the opinion that the kitchen range will dispose of the table refuse in an efficient manner if housewives do not feel like having it hauled off regularly and pay the bill.

In some parts of town there is no regular collection and when the haulers come around they charge 75 cents a house.

Body of E. T. Schleur Is Taken to New York, His Former Home

E. T. Schleur, for many years prominently associated with the business interests of Joseph and Wallawa county, died last Sunday evening and on Monday the remains were shipped to New York for burial. He leaves a widow whose physical condition would not permit her to accompany the remains. A nephew from the east arrived and accompanied the body of Mr. Schleur.

The deceased was a prominent Elk and during his residence in Wallawa county accumulated considerable property.

Minority Report Absolves
Ansell from Guilt,
However

M'ARTHUR ON THE COMMITTEE

Draft Evader Case Makes
Stir in Washington Official
Circles When Report
Made Public.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Samuel Tilden Ansell, former acting judge advocate general of the United States army and counsel for Bergdoll, Col. John E. Hunt and Col. C. C. Crosson were charged with conspiracy in connection with the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, draft evader, in a report signed by three of the five members of the special investigating committee.

The minority report, signed by Representative Pat McArthur of Oregon and Congressman Peters of Maine, held there was no testimony to show improper motives or conspiracy on Ansell's part. Congressman Lohrman of Indiana, Johnson of Kentucky and Flood of Virginia, signed the majority report.

INCREASE IN HOPS OFFERED

Short Crop Europe Causes
Prices to Go Higher for
Oregon Product.

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Oregon hop growers were today being offered 20 cents a pound for the remainder of the 1920 crop, of which there is about 10,000 bales left. For 1921 crop contracts of thirty cents are being offered with prospect of a higher price. These prices are an advance of six to seven cents for the last and eight to ten cents for this year's crop this week. The flurry is attributed to the demand of English buyers, the European crop being reported short.

Eastern Oregon Music Company Buys Victor Business of Carr's

Closing out the Victor section of the talking machine business, J. J. Carr, manager of the Carr Furniture company, sold to the Eastern Oregon Music company all of his Victor Records and Victor machines.

BURNS IS APPOINTED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—William J. Burns was appointed director of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice by Attorney General Daugherty today.

RACERS SMASH UP ON OLD FAIR GROUNDS

James McPherson, driver of a delivery wagon for the McPherson bakery, and Claude Grieves were injured last evening on the race track of the old fair grounds when McPherson spilled and Grieves couldn't get out of the way.

At the time of the accident the two men were racing on their motorcycles and a rut caused McPherson to lose control of his machine and he was thrown off. Grieves being close to him could not get out of the way of the wreckage and his machine was also wrecked.

The latter's collar bone was broken while McPherson suffered injury to one of knees. Neither is in a serious condition.

LETTER MAY EXPLAIN DEATH

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—A search for a letter from the editor of a North Dakota periodical and for an unidentified man was begun by the police Tuesday, in an effort to explain the suicide of Mrs. Mary De Brito, 28, an advertising writer for a large department store.

At the young woman's rooming house it was learned that some time ago she wrote a letter to Governor Frazier of North Dakota, declaring a North Dakota magazine which had advocated tar and feathers as punishment in certain cases should be suppressed. A letter from the governor's secretary acknowledged receipt of her communication, and stated it had been referred to the editor of the magazine.

Last Friday, the police were informed, Mrs. De Brito received a letter from the editor, and she appeared much agitated. On Saturday a strange man made inquiries at her lodgings. Later that day the same man, it is believed, called at her office, and was said to have threatened her.

Mrs. De Brito was found dead Monday night in a bath tub with a gas hose in her mouth.

Mrs. De Brito killed herself while mentally distressed, according to a verdict returned by the coroner's jury at the inquest.

The causes leading up to the suicide were so peculiar, however, that Coroner Hoffman will make a further investigation of the affair.

BREAKS ANKLE WHEN TEAM RUNS AWAY

John H. Case of Albee was injured yesterday afternoon in a runaway. The coach on a wagon he was driving broke, causing the horses to run away and the wagon was tipped over. The heavy belt fell on Case and crushed his left foot, one of the bones in the ankle being broken. He was brought to La Grande for treatment at the hospital.

ABOUT THIS TIME O' YEAR



FATHER
HELPS WITH
THE
PRESERVING

ASHURST IS OUT OF BEER CONFERENCE

Senator Refuses to Participate Further in the Committee

CHARGES ATTEMPT TO DESTROY BILL

Reed Denounces Presence of Prohibition Worker at Conference

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Senator Ashurst announced today he had refused to participate further in the conference to weaken and destroy the cause of the evident intention of the conference to weaken an amendment of the Stanley amendment unanimously adopted by the senate. He said he would not confer on any amendment which would not permit the manufacture of liquors in the homes or elsewhere. Senator Reed, in the senate, denounced the presence of Wayne B. Wheeler, anti-saloon league attorney, at the conference.

TWO SPEAKERS ON LABOR DAY

Committees Meet and Report Progress on all Angles of Big Celebration.

A meeting of the various Labor Day committees was held last evening and all chairmen reported progress on the details of their committee plans. Negotiations have practically been completed for two speakers for the day.

The sports committee reported that a baseball game has practically been arranged and a program of field sports is being worked out now. Several horse races are also expected to be on the program.

It was reported by the Ad Club at last night's meeting that negotiations are under way now with the commercial clubs of Baker and Pendleton which will result in a large attendance from those two cities.

J. C. Hughes is handling the arrangements for the parade and all expecting to enter floats in the parade are asked to get into touch with Mr. Hughes at the Elks club immediately. Another meeting of the various committees will be held at the O.W. club rooms next Wednesday evening.

Cuban Beauty



Miss Graciela Martin Rivero is one of Cuba's most beautiful girls. She is a daughter of the Cuban minister to Mexico and is now visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas N. Ransdell, at Washington, D. C.

Show Weaker Tendency Today

Portland Markets Indicate Cattle Steady and No Price Change

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Cattle continued steady with no change in prices. Hogs were fifty to seventy-five cents lower today. Prime lights selling for \$11.00 to \$11.50. Sheep were steady with East of the Mountains lambs bringing \$6 to \$6.50.

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Wheat was \$1.05 to \$1.09 on the local market today.

STRIKE DECLARED BY LONE PACKER TODAY

A packer's strike this morning delayed the pack train that was taking the equipment of the surveying party headed by R. E. Koon into the Beaver Creek country, where investigations will be made of the present Beaver Creek pipe line for the purpose of estimating the cost of repairing it so as to make it serve the city another two or three years.

Just what was the trouble could not be learned but the packer who had been hired after placing the packs on one of the four horses decided that he would quit. This left the horse standing out in the street in front of the city hall with the sidewalk strewn with canned goods, tents, tools, cooking utensils and a lot of other paraphernalia that is being taken along on the trip.

After a while Jack Smith, formerly on the city police force, was hired to look after the pack outfit and the start was made before noon. Smith was at one time a sheep man and knows how to handle pack horses so well that he can load them with his eyes shut and no further difficulty is expected because of "strikes" on the trip.

PLANS PROGRESSING FOR NIGHT SCHOOL

The text books for the course in salesmanship to be given by C. E. Short, manager of the J. C. Penney company store here, arrived this morning and J. C. Cramer, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and organizer of the night school of the "Y," was busy this morning making further preparations for the school which will open probably about September 15.

In the salesmanship course a series of four text books are used. These are supplemented by practical problems testing the student's initiative and covering everything from the ins and outs of winning over the prospects to planning sales campaigns and determining the best method to be used in making maximum sales. The course is also supplemented by a number of lectures on topics of general interest to the business man.

BRINDEL DOG LOST BY CIRCUS MONDAY

A small brindle dog was reported lost by Palmer Bros. circus that showed here Monday afternoon and night and efforts of the police department to locate the dog have so far failed.

According to the management of the circus the dog's particular feat was climbing on top of a high ladder and jumping down into a net. Otherwise the dog had no particularly outstanding qualities.

Hoover Says Russian Food Plans Completed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Complete agreement on the question of food relief for Russia has been reached at Biga, Secretary Hoover announced today.

BRUMFIELD IS FEELING FINE SHAVES, EATS

Alleged Murderer of Dennis Russell Getting Back to Form

CONFERS WITH HIS LAWYERS

District Attorney Permits no Conferences that Officers Are Not Present to Hear.

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Brumfield slept well and after getting up this morning he shaved, ate a hearty breakfast and appeared normal. A. N. Orcutt of Roseburg and A. A. Hampton of Portland, attorneys, conferred with the prisoner in the presence of District Attorney Neuner, Sheriff Starmer and Deputy Webb. The conference was kept secret.

No new angles developed in the Brumfield case today, said Attorney Orcutt after his conference with the prisoner. Sheriff Starmer announced that Brumfield would be lodged in the Roseburg jail tomorrow. He would indicate the time of departure from Portland not the time of his intended arrival in Roseburg or the method of transportation. The sheriff said he feared nothing but was taking no chances.

IMPROVEMENT BONDS PAID

Two Thousand Dollars Worth Paid off During Week by City

Improvement bonds in the amount of \$2,000 and improvement bond interest amounting to \$49.33 were paid by the city treasurer's office during the week ending August 13, according to the weekly report of City Manager George Garrett presented to the city commission last evening at its regular weekly meeting.

Receipts reported by the treasurer's office were \$5,047.08, most of which was in water receipts. The recorder had turned over to him by the chief of police \$62.50 in fines and 146 warrants, amounting to \$2411.16 were issued by the recorder.

Nine arrests were made by the police department during the week, two being on state charges, three disorderly conduct and four traffic violations.

The engineering department reported that the resurvey of the city is progressing as well as can be expected. Many discrepancies are being found in the recorded plats as well as the location of the property on the ground. Corrections are being made and street lines properly located. Later monuments will be established so that hereafter it will be possible to readily survey any section where these monuments have been established.

SEEKS DIVORCE IN PENDLETON COURT

PENDLETON, Aug. 18.—Cruel and inhuman treatment is the basis of complaint in a divorce case that has been filed in circuit court. Nancy Smith seeks a divorce from J. L. Smith. The defendant is a former policeman at La Grande. Although the defendant is an able-bodied man, according to the complaint, he has provided only \$85 for the plaintiff during their married life which dates from December 23, 1918.

FORTY-SIXTH HOME RUN.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Babe Ruth hit his forty-sixth home run today.

THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—Friday will be fair with moderate westerly winds.