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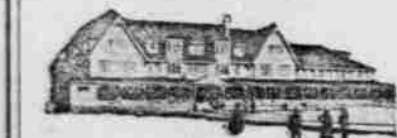
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WON BY OREGON

German Visitors Delighted With State.

AMAZED AT ITS RESOURCES

Scientists and Agriculturists Form New Impressions.

WILL VIEW PORTLAND TODAY

Trip Through Southern Oregon and Willamette Valley Is Entertaining, and the Fruitful Farms Prove a Revelation.

The researches of the German Agricultural Society has no counterpart in the work of any society in America. The only thing that could be compared to the thorough organization of German agricultural societies would be an alliance of boards of trades representing each city of a state. Each province in Germany has its agricultural societies, and these send delegates to the national assembly. In turn, the national gathering designates a commission, which annually visits some other country to gather facts relative to agricultural methods, and to report them to members of the society. These visitors are men of means who have also devoted much of their time to science. They are all landowners, though many of them have served Germany in the army. Many of them also, it might be added, bear the badge of Heidelberg—a saber scar. In the party which is now in Portland, the number of men of noble rank is surprising, and all have gained fame as scientists.

The 43 members of the German Agricultural Society touring the United States in the interest of German agriculture, reached Portland last night and will spend all of today viewing the city and surrounding points of interest. The following day the party leaves for the East again over the O. R. & N.

The scientific party reached Portland, delighted and amazed at the showing Oregon had made. There has been no effort on the part of members of the party to conceal the fact that they are pleased with the result of their visit and that Oregon has proved more than was promised.

When the train, on the Southern Pacific, pitched down over the divide, and the party, within a space of a few hours, had seen snow on every hand and strawberries growing, the first amazement at Oregon's conditions was expressed. The scientific party was surprised to find fresh fruit on sale at Ashland, but the surprise of that revelation was forgotten yesterday when the special train on which the party traveled over the Southern Pacific carried them into other Oregon sections.

Summed up, the impressions of the party relative to Oregon may be said to be that the climate of Western Oregon is delightful, the country productive, lands may be had at moderate terms, the opportunities offered to investors are great and that efforts are being made to modernize all farming methods.

Every now and then throughout the visit of the party the fact was apparent that the impression has got abroad that there is a surplus of rain in Western Oregon.

that, in fact, conditions were adverse to settlers on this account. Faith in these reports was shaken first when the party found the Ashland district suffering for the want of rain, and later when investigations showed the facts the party was convinced of an error.

But that Oregon did not stand in a fair light before many members was illustrated many times. For instance, Dr. Victor Ritter von Bauer, a remarkably well-informed man upon American conditions, asked the first day whether Eastern Oregon was not a desert and Western Oregon had almost constant rain.

Unfavorable Reports Discredited.

The party probably gained these impressions somewhere on the trip through America. It is not believed that they are spread abroad, for the party frankly states that only a hazy impression regarding the entire Pacific Coast has been had heretofore. These adverse reports are not going to be carried home with the party, either, for every bit of printed matter dealing with this state was welcomed, every speech that told of its resources followed with close attention, and the most searching inquiries were made into agricultural conditions. After the Western Oregon tour had been completed the party expressed itself as thoroughly convinced that this part of the state, at least, was a most delightful spot.

A significant feature in connection with the investigations of the party are the extensive notes taken. Dr. Martin Willner states he intends to publish a book descriptive of his experiences; an official report is intimated as the result of Dr. Ritter's researches, and other members of the party will make statements to their societies. Note book after note book is produced the moment an interesting fact is mentioned or statistics discussed. And "kodak finds" are everywhere. Scarcely one-half the party is constantly taking pictures, while the other half is gathering material for books.

They Photograph Everything.

They photograph everything—do these German tourists. A group delayed the party 15 minutes yesterday while they photographed two independence girls stringing trellis cords in a boy field, while at another time the special train could not move because one member of the party wanted a photograph of the coaches surrounded by grass so tall that the wheels and rails did not show and the train seemed to be standing on the prairie. Of course industrial scenes are featured in the pictorial gatherings of the party. Hop yards, prune orchards, mandarin groves, and many towns and similar materials are gathered.

There is one picture that the kodak owners missed and one that would have created a mild sensation, or at least considerable interest, in Germany. None of the camera men caught Dr. von Bauer, an officer in the German army and a prince of one of the German houses, riding on the locomotive which drew the party into Forest Grove. Dr. von Bauer wanted the experience, for he is the only member of his party with hardihood enough to try it, and none of the kodakers were quick enough to catch him perched up in the cab. I do not see how the men stand it, but I guess it is all in getting used to the ride.

"But the people here—they are so reckless. Why, they walk all along the track and do not pay any attention to the whistles until the train is almost upon them and then they jump aside, so quick, just in time to escape being run over. We saw them all along the track and the engineer tells me they do it everywhere. Why?"

No one knew, but there were several curious to know whether people were as reckless in Germany. Dr. von Bauer was certain they are not.

National Air Show at Corvallis.

A pretty incident occurred at Corvallis, of which the party is still speaking. While the party was in attendance at chapel, during the course of a visit to the Agricultural College, a class of young German students suddenly began the German national air. Miss Mabel Cronis sang the solo part and the remainder of the class joined in the chorus.

Erick von Fluerga, a member of government official circles, entered the room with a small party that had overstayed

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FLOOD IS FALLING

Kansas City Sees Relief at Hand.

IMPROVEMENT ON ALL SIDES

Water Works Will Resume Operations Today.

GAS PLANT HAS STARTED UP

Danger of a Serious Food Shortage Is Not Immediate—Outside Aid Is Declined With Thanks—Many Refugees Find Homes.

STORMS IN THE MIDDLE WEST

The situation at Kansas City is much improved. The waters are receding, and many of the refugees are finding new homes.

While Kansas City declines, with thanks, the many offers of aid, Governor Bailey has issued an appeal for outside aid. The sufferers at Topeka are in dire straits. The water continues to recede at Topeka.

Des Moines will soon see the last of its great flood. While the need for relief will be great, Governor Cummins believes his state can care for the sufferers.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 2.—

The flood situation shows improvement on almost every side tonight. The waters are falling, the water works will resume operations tomorrow, the gas has been turned into the mains once more, and, while there is no superabundance of food, there is no immediate danger of a serious shortage.

Blue sky was visible this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The rains appeared to be at an end, the sun was visible for the first time in a week, and for this and other reasons it is thought that the great danger of the floods are past.

The waters of the Kaw River have fallen eight inches today, and tonight are steadily declining at the rate of about half an inch per hour. In the Missouri the high stage of 35 feet is still maintained, but this is due to the rise which has been coming down the Missouri proper, and has been able to offset the fall in the Kaw. It is the water of the latter stream, however, that has caused all the destruction in this city, and in Kansas City, Kan., and with it at a normal stage, business in Kansas City will shortly resume usual conditions.

Outside Aid Is Welcomed.

While the city has cared for her own in royal fashion and is abundantly able to do so still, there is not sufficient food on hand to permit the relief committees and the municipal officers to feel easy over the outlook. The transportation facilities at the present time are so limited that not much freight can be brought in at a time, and there is danger that the demand may overrun the supply unless the stock on hand is speedily replenished from outside.

The stock of meats in the packing-

houses, most of which can be taken out in boats, proves to be greater than at first supposed, and there is no doubt that there is sufficient meat to sustain the city for a week, even if nothing is brought in from the outside. There is a greater scarcity of food in Kansas City, Kan., but with the opening of the electric line from Leavenworth, it is thought that there will be no distress of an acute description.

Financial Damage at an End.

There is little probability of much greater financial damage than already has been done. There have been some reports of a settling of various large buildings in the wholesale district, but they appear to have settled in a remarkably even manner, and an expert examination will be required to prove that they are in a dangerous condition.

Two men lost their lives today while endeavoring to save others. Joseph Keenan was drowned while endeavoring to rescue some men from a house in Union avenue, across from the Union Station, and Edward Brooks lost his life in Liberty street, where his skiff was overturned by an eddy while he was endeavoring to get another man out of a building. A number of bodies were seen floating down the stream, but are believed to be those of people drowned further up the Kaw, probably at North Topeka.

Fully 50 people were brought to the Tenth-street viaduct during the day by boatmen. None of them had been in great danger, but had remained in buildings until weary of the confinement, and then had signaled for assistance, which was given as rapidly as possible. Many people are still in the warehouses and office buildings and will remain there until the food subsides. They are entirely safe and fairly comfortable.

The first mail from the West have come in, one late last night and another from Wichita this morning. Nothing has come yet from the flooded district around Topeka and Lawrence, and it is not likely that any will arrive for several days after the water subsides. About two carloads of second, third and fourth-class matter have been lost in the freight yards. The water is now about five feet above the bottoms of the mail cars and running strongly. It may be possible to dry out many letters after their recovery, but at present Superintendent Telf, of the railway service, classes that mail among the lost articles.

OUTSIDE AID IS DECLINED.

Kansas City Replies, With Thanks, to Many Tenders of Assistance.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 2.—A committee appointed by the Commercial Club early today to ascertain the conditions of the present food supply, made its report this evening. This report was so imperative that Mayor Reed, after consultation with the relief committee, wired the following reply to offers of aid:

"I am directed by the committee of the Commercial Club to thank the committee this morning for the information that there might be a food shortage owing to the railroad communications being seriously impaired, and because of the inability to reach the usual sources of supply."

"It now seems that we will be able to secure enough supplies. Our packing-houses are now beginning to get meat by boats and otherwise from their plants. Our business men and citizens generally have subscribed very liberally, and we confidently hope to be able to fully meet the situation."

"The people of Kansas City will always gratefully remember the many tenders of assistance from various parts of the country, all of which have been thankfully declined."

"JAMES A. REED, Mayor."

The telegram was indorsed by J. F. Richardson, president, and E. M. Glendon, secretary of the Commercial Club.

MANY FAMILIES ARE SEPARATED.

Wretchedness of the Refugees Is More Mental Than Physical.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., June 2.—The close of another day brought only another night of wretchedness to the thousands of refugees in this city. Without water, save for urgent needs, without beds, and with the upper part of town unable to house,

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BY A GOOD LEAD

Hermann's Plurality Is Over 2300.

GAINS IN BACK COUNTIES

Reames Runs Badly in Klamath and Lake.

YAMHILL IS REPUBLICAN BY 54

Total Vote Will Not Exceed 30,000, a Decrease Over 1902 of 35 Per Cent—No Great Change in Final Returns.

Vote in First District—Incomplete.

| COUNTIES | Hermann, Rep. | Reames, Dem. | Third, Socialist | Herrmann, Pro. | Reames, Pro. | Herrmann, Pro. |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Benton | 672 | 579 | 62 | 80 | 30 | 30 |
| Clackamas | 1,625 | 1,278 | 200 | 80 | 263 | 263 |
| Cook | 780 | 412 | 30 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Curry | 91 | 47 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Douglas | 1,011 | 956 | 259 | 62 | 486 | 486 |
| Jackson | 1,011 | 956 | 259 | 62 | 486 | 486 |
| Josephine | 1,171 | 1,185 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Klamath | 372 | 340 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lake | 226 | 184 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lane | 1,717 | 1,385 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Lincoln | 297 | 148 | 73 | 225 | 225 | 225 |
| Linn | 1,301 | 1,213 | 173 | 306 | 306 | 306 |
| Marion | 1,762 | 1,165 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Polk | 604 | 686 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Tillamook | 476 | 125 | 26 | 49 | 250 | 250 |
| Wasco | 1,074 | 687 | 62 | 62 | 62 | 62 |
| Yamhill | 928 | 874 | 134 | 172 | 54 | 54 |
| Totals | 12,561 | 9,929 | 1,162 | 748 | 3,916 | 669 |

Herrmann's plurality to date, 2,337.
*Complete.

Binger Hermann's plurality for Congress will be from 2300 to 2400. Fuller returns from the outlying counties have increased his vote over early estimates. In the neighborhood of 20,000 votes were cast, as against 45,000 last year, a falling off of 33 per cent.

The plurality of Reames in Clackamas is 253, a gain for Hermann of 100 over first estimates. Curry shows up with something like 125 plurality for the Republican candidate, and Douglas, his home county, gives Hermann the handsome margin of 486. Josephine declares for Reames by 175 plurality, while Klamath and Lake exceed expectations by piling up for Hermann pluralities of 122 and 171, respectively. Hermann is popular in Yaquina Bay, and Lincoln County is in his column by 225. Linn, the Democratic stronghold, flips over into the Republican ranks by

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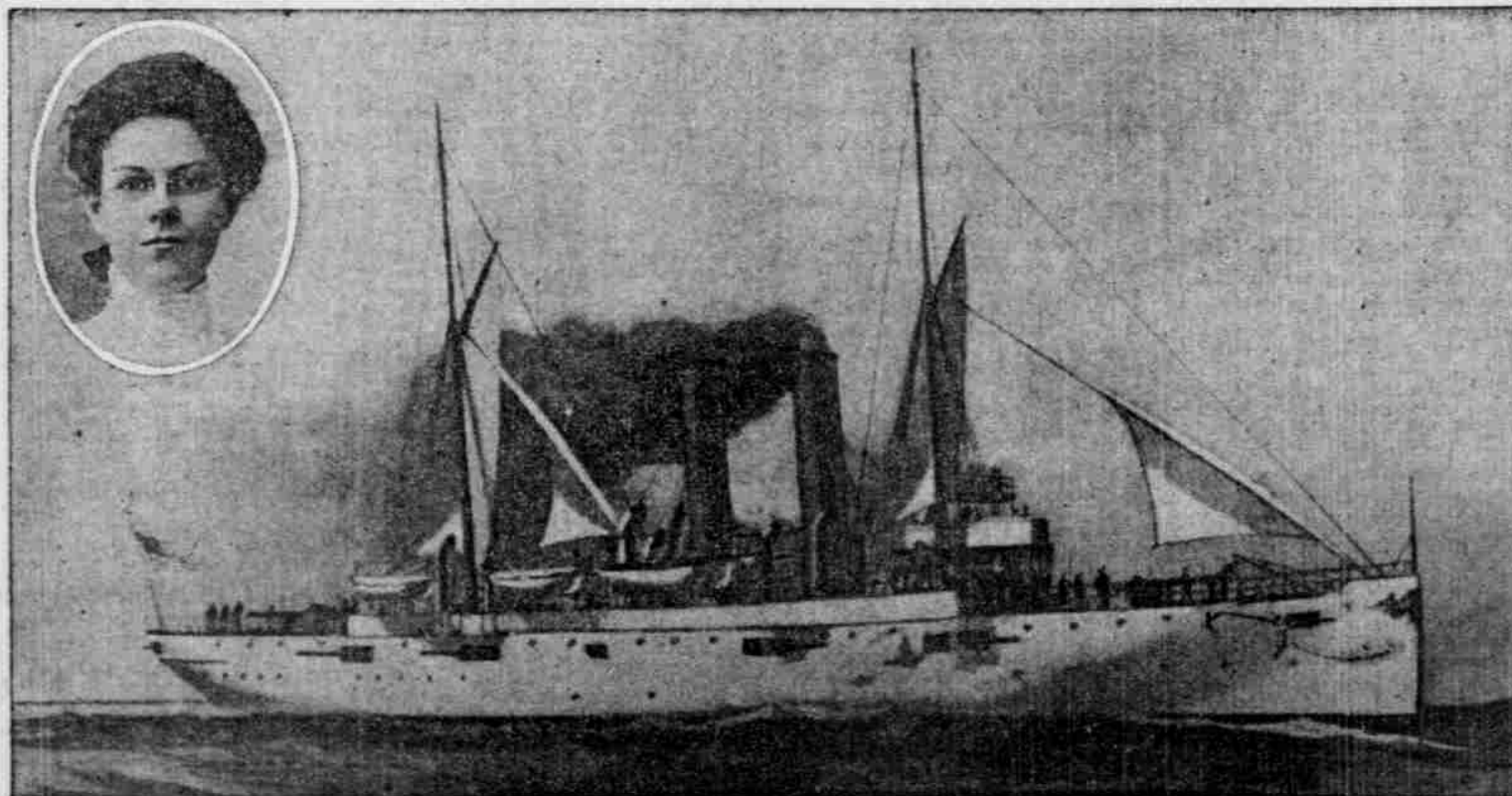
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CRUISER TACOMA IS LAUNCHED AT SAN FRANCISCO.



MISS JULIA NAOMI HARRIS, WHO CHRISTENED THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE NAVY.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—The cruiser Tacoma was launched at the shipyard of the Union Iron Works at 5:33 o'clock this evening in the presence of several thousand people, including a delegation from Washington state.

Miss Louise Stone, of Tacoma, pressed a button which released the last block under her keel and started the vessel toward the water. At the moment the craft started down the ways, Miss Julia Naomi Harris, also of the Northern city, christened the vessel. Owing to pressing engagements, neither Governor McBride, of Washington, nor Mayor Campbell, of Tacoma, were present. They were represented, however, by President Gault of Whitworth College, and George H. Stone, a prominent citizen of Washington.

The Tacoma is something of a departure from the conventional type of naval vessel, being of unusually light draught and having over her steel hull a sheathing of teak and copper. These features are expected to render her more effective for service in tropical waters, where there are shallow rivers to be ascended and where docking facilities are scarce.

The Tacoma has 2200 tons displacement, is 225 feet long, 44 feet 1 inch beam and 15 feet draft. She is provided with twin screws and vertical triple expansion engines, and is to have a speed of 15½ knots, with an indicated horsepower of 4700.

Her main batteries will consist of ten five-inch rapid-fire rifles; the secondary of eight six-pounders, rapid fire; two one-pounders, rapid fire; four automatic Colts and one three-inch field piece. She is designed to carry a complement of 30 officers and 231 men. The contract price for the vessel was \$2,619,500, but owing to a number of changes, her cost has been increased by about \$100,000. Her keel was laid on September 27, 1902, and it is expected that she will be ready for delivery to the Government in October.