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BRITISH MAKE RAID ON AIRSHIP SHEDS

Germans Bring Down 3 of Fleet of Five.

2 OF CONVOY IN COLLISION

London Admits Dstroyer Lost; German Patrols Sunk.

BERLIN DENIES DAMAGE

British Admiralty, However, Declares Danish Advices Indicate That Expedition Into Enemy Waters Was Successful.

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y., March 25.—Not fewer than three British hydroplanes, among them a fighting aeroplane, were brought down today by German guns on and about the island of Sylt, during an air raid on Northern Schleswig, according to a German official communication issued tonight. The crews were taken prisoner.

Bombs dropped in the district of the Hoyer water gate did no damage, says the statement, which follows:

"From two ships, which were accompanied by a cruiser squadron and a flotilla of destroyers, five English hydroaeroplanes started yesterday morning for an attack against the German aeronautic establishments in Northern Schleswig.

Three Raiders Brought Down.

"Not fewer than three of them, among which was a fighting aeroplane, were forced down by the defensive service on and about the island of Sylt. The occupants of the machines, who were made prisoner, are four English officers and one non-commissioned officer.

"Bombs were thrown only in the district of the Hoyer water gate. No damage was done."

LONDON, March 26.—Three British aeroplanes which took part in a raid on German airships in Schleswig-Holstein yesterday are missing.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen says that two German armed trawlers acting as patrols were sunk by the British outside Sylt harbor. They were the Braunschweig and the Otto Rudolf.

German Patrol Boats Sunk.

The Admiralty also reports that a torpedo-boat may have been in collision with another of its own fleet in the venture. No fears for the crew are entertained.

The following official statement was issued tonight:

"An attack by British seaplanes was delivered yesterday morning on German airship sheds in Schleswig-Holstein eastward of the island of Sylt. The seaplanes were conveyed to their rendezvous close to the German coast by an escorting force of light cruisers and destroyers under Commodore Tyrwhitt.

Destroyer Lost in Collision.

"Three of the seaplanes which took part in the attack are missing. The destroyer Medusa was in collision with the destroyer Lavrock and it is feared that in the stormy weather which prevailed last night the Medusa may have been lost, but no misgivings are felt as to the safety of the crew. Two German armed patrol vessels were sunk by our destroyers.

"No detailed report has yet been received, but from Danish press dispatches it would appear that this operation, which was carried out within the enemy's waters, achieved its object."

The Lavrock, 260 feet long, was built in 1914 and displaced 965 tons. She was armed with three four-inch guns and two torpedo tubes. Her normal complement was 100 men. The latest available official navy records give no destroyer Medusa.

FORTUNE GOES TO WORKER

Seattle Youth Is Notified of Legacy of $3,000,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 26.—Harold Richard Clements, 19, who has been working in a department store at a small salary, has been notified by Arthur Payne, attorney, of Louisville, Ky., that he has inherited the $3,000,000 estate of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Clements, who died there last Wednesday.

Young Clements is the son of Harry Curtis Clements, formerly president of the Denver Traction Company, who died nine years ago.

When Mr. Clements died he left the bulk of his estate to his mother, only a small allowance going to his son, young Clements said tonight.

BRIDGE WORK SUSPENDED

High Water in Columbia Interferes With Span Construction.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—All records for March since 1859 have been dissolved by the rainfall of the present month, which to date has totaled 8.23 inches.

The Columbia River was 14 feet Friday, 15 feet yesterday, and today is about 16 feet and is still rising.

Work on the Columbia River Interstate bridge has stopped until the Columbia drops back to about 10 feet above zero.

FLOODS IN MIDDLE WEST TAKE TOLL

MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED AND TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

Abnormally Warm Weather, With Rain Following Blizzard, Wreaking Havoc.

CHICAGO, March 26.—(Special.)—Blizzards, abnormally warm weather, rain and snow, and now much colder weather, all crowded into a few days, have combined to cause much sickness and distress in Middle Western states. Floods also are now taking a toll in human life and destroying property.

Northern Illinois cities tonight report many streets submerged and light and power stations out of commission. Warnings are issued in Chicago and all the Northern Illinois territory of imminent peril of typhoid. Eastern Iowa and Southern Michigan, Northern Indiana and Ohio are also facing typhoid conditions.

Dispatches from Southwestern Wisconsin tonight accentuate last night's reports of flood damage. Seven have been drowned, with many districts entirely inaccessible. Almost one-eighth of the state is affected. Reports tell of one drowned in Rock County, one in Richland County and one in Grant County. Two perished when a bridge gave way. Others were drowned trying to get through flooded streams by fording.

One in Grant County died trying to lead his cattle from the stables to the hills, when they became so frightened that they trampled him to death.

The floods are due to the sudden thaw and rains, following the blizzard early in the week. Losses of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad alone are enormous, for there is a 30-mile break, much of which is entirely gone, and practically no trains are moving in the entire southwestern corner of Wisconsin.

ARMY BARS BALD HEADS

Heat Along Border Demands Protective Mop of Hair.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Baldheaded men are not wanted in the pursuit of Villa. It is warm along the border and they might become affected by the heat. So announced Lieutenant Kenney yesterday in refusing to enlist Stanley Twooney of Syracuse.

Twooney sought enlistment and was rejected because of his baldness. He returned wearing a wig and was accepted. While he was awaiting transportation to Jefferson Barracks the deception was discovered and again he was rejected.

Lieutenant Kenney said Army regulations would not permit his acceptance of baldheaded men.

BASKETBALL IN QUESTION

Yakima Teachers Oppose Girls' Interscholastic Games.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Resolutions which were defeated by the narrow margin of 11 votes to 10 at a meeting of the men teachers of the Yakima Valley yesterday afternoon, opposed military training in elementary and high schools, though not in colleges and universities, and condemned basketball as not a proper game for girls, particularly in interscholastic games.

Tennis was advocated as more suitable.

The Yakima Valley Athletic Association was formed, to take general charge of interscholastic athletics.

BOY OUTSPELLS TEXTBOOK

Dictionary Resorted to Before Prize Is Given Harold Todd.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Harold Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Todd, of Dodd Hollow, about 30 miles southeast of this city, Friday night proved himself the best speller in Klamath County. He won this distinction by correctly spelling "accessible." Christian Murdock, of Plevna School, won second prize, and Audrey Howell, of Merrill School, was third prize winner.

All the words in the school spelling book were exhausted and resort to the dictionary was necessary.

WILL PROVIDES FREE RENT

Apartment-House to Rise for Unmarried Working Women.

NEW YORK, March 26.—A rent-free apartment-house for unmarried women is provided for in the will of Charles B. Webster, a factory goods merchant, who died March 16 leaving an estate exceeding $1,000,000.

The will, which was admitted to probate here yesterday, directs that the apartment-house be built out of the residuary estate, which totals $400,000. The establishment will contain a restaurant and library and be conducted without profit.

TILLAMOOK IS WET PLACE

Previous Rainfall and Snowfall Records Go to Smash.

TILLAMOOK, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Tillamook is believed to be one of the wettest places in the world. In six months and 20 days of the present weather year there has been 101.75 inches of precipitation here.

February 1 and 2, 7.56 inches of rain fell in 48 hours. In a protracted storm, January 30 to February 11, 17.78 inches fell. The January snowfall was 13.25 inches, a record here.

Rainfall to date in March is 21.54 inches, a record precipitation.

6 DIE IN EXCLUSIVE COUNTRY CLUB FIRE

Prominent Texans Victims at San Antonio.

WOMAN GIVES LIFE IN RESCUE

Hero Companion Also Burns to Death Aiding Man.

MANY LEAP OUT WINDOWS

Five Guests and Maid Servant Are Dead and Building Is Destroyed. Ex-Attorney-General and Wife Among Victims.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 26.—Six persons lost their lives early today in the burning of the fashionable San Antonio Country Club.

Five of the victims were guests at the club, which was the scene last night of several week-end parties, bringing together a large number of persons prominent in social and business circles of the Southwest.

Fire Starts in Paint.

The dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Waltham, San Antonio.

Judge J. E. Webb, San Antonio.

Homer Jones, San Antonio.

Mrs. Maco Stewart, Galveston.

Helen Cockrell, maid at the club.

The fire had its origin in a collection of paint stored in the basement of the three-story frame clubhouse. It spread quickly to a stairway leading to the first floor and rapidly communicated to the other two floors above.

About 15 guests asleep in the building had narrow escapes, many jumping from the second-story windows, so quick was the spread of the flames.

Woman Dies Heroine.

Mrs. Stewart, who was spending her first night at the club as the guest of Mrs. Cora Ogden, had escaped from the burning building, but with Homer Jones started back to rescue Judge Webb, whose hearing was affected, and who, they feared, would not hear the alarm. The three were caught in the dense smoke, and went to their death together.

James Waltham, 45 years old, was formerly Attorney-General of Texas. His wife was a bride of 12 months, formerly Miss Mary Carson, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Judge Webb was a prominent member of the bar.

Guests Fight Fire.

Mrs. Stewart was the wife of Maco Stewart, president of the Title Guaranty Company of Texas, whose home was in Galveston. She came here for a week's visit with friends.

The flames were discovered by the steward of the club, who went into the grill shortly after a number of guests had left the first floor for their apartments upstairs. The steward attempted to quench the flames with fire extinguishers. This proved insufficient, so he summoned the guests who were still awake and who aided in alarming the others in the building.

A number of the guests at the club

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BRITISH LINER IS SUNK; AID IS LATE

CALL FROM MINNEAPOLIS RECEIVED BY ANOTHER.

Attack by Submarine in Mediterranean Reported Two Other British Steamers Were Lost.

MARSEILLES, Franch, March 26.—The British liner Minneapolis was sunk in the Mediterranean last Wednesday by a submarine, according to Captain Bibby, of the British steamer Leicestershire, which has arrived here from Rangoon.

Captain Bibby reports that while in the Mediterranean last Wednesday he received a wireless call for help from the Minneapolis, which said that the steamer had just been torpedoed and was sinking.

The Leicestershire went at full speed to the assistance of the Minneapolis, but arrived too late, the vessel having sunk. The fate of the crew was not known to Captain Bibby.

The Minneapolis was a steamer of 13,543 tons gross. She was built in 1900 at Belfast.

LONDON, March 26.—Lloyds reports that the British steamship Fenay Bridge has been sunk. The crew has been landed. The Fenay Bridge, 3836 tons, 356 feet long, was built in Sunderland in 1910.

The British steamer St. Cecelia, from Portland, Me., March 11, for London, has been sunk, according to a dispatch to Lloyds from Dover. The crew was saved.

WATER POISONS SOLDIERS

Several Hundred Carranza Troops Declared to Have Died.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 26.—Employes of the Nacozari Railroad brought a report from Cabullona today that several hundred Carranza soldiers had been killed recently in the Yaqui River Valley in Western Sonora by drinking water that had been poisoned by the Yaqui Indians. They said that Mexican employes of the railroad had received the information in letters from Hermosillo that those poisoned were men of the Fifth Brigade of the Sonora troops. The detachment numbers 900 men.

Mexican officials at Agua Prieta said that they had received no such information.

GIRL IS BORN TO SAYRES

President's Second Granddaughter to Be Named Eleanor Axson.

PHILADELPHIA, March 26. — A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre here today. She is the second granddaughter of President Wilson, and will be named Eleanor Axson Sayre, for Mrs. Sayre's mother. Mother and child were reported tonight as doing well.

Mrs. Sayre has been in this city for several weeks visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Howe, a sister of the President. The President telegraphed his congratulations.

NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED

Denmark Has Report of Great Engagement in North Sea.

LONDON, March 26.—Dispatches from Esbjerg, Denmark, to the Tidende says Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent reports a great naval battle between the German and British fleets some three miles off the Graady lightship at midday today.

STEAMER HITS LOG, RIPS HOLE, SINKS

Twin Cities Wre[illegible] All Hand[illegible]

SUPREME COURT LIBRARY
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BIG WHEAT CARGO PART LOSS

Vessel Lies Near South Bank in North Portland Harbor.

SALVING TO START TODAY

Submerged 30-Foot Timber Tears Away Hull and Deck at Port Bow; Prompt Beaching Saves Passengers and Stock.

After striking a 30-foot sunken log, which tore a huge hole in her hull at the port bow, the steamer Twin Cities, of The Dalles-Columbia line, began to sink near the mouth of North Portland harbor Saturday night. She was successfully beached after a struggle. Quick work on the part of the officers in charge, and the coolness of the members of the crew, prevented loss of life.

Craft Rests on Bottom.

The 10 passengers aboard, and the livestock which formed part of the cargo, were landed in safety before the vessel settled in the shallower water near the bank. The steamer last night was lying partially submerged at the south bank, near the mouth of the North Portland harbor. A portion of the rail around the upper deck was awash and the water, which was rising rapidly, was expected to flood the passenger cabins.

Principal Cargo Wheat.

The Twin Cities was on her way from Lewiston to Portland carrying a heavy cargo which included about 1800 sacks of wheat and 30 hogs. The hogs were consigned to the Union Stock Yards, and the vessel turned into the North Portland harbor with the intention of unloading the hogs before continuing on the last lap of the trip to Portland.

The accident occurred at 9:45 P. M., and it was unusually dark at the time, according to the members of the crew. Captain Fred H. Lundy, master of the steamer, Captain Isaac Gray, pilot, and John Herzig, who was acting as lookout, were all in the pilot house at the time of the accident.

Lookout Tells Story.

Mr. Herzig, in describing the accident yesterday, said:

"The vessel was proceeding up the slough when she suddenly received a blow on the port bow which staggered her. There was a great crash of tearing timbers, and it seemed as though the entire end of the vessel must have been ripped out. I immediately ran down the companionway to the lower deck and, opening a hatchway, saw the end of a huge hemlock log two feet in diameter thrust through the side of the vessel below the waterline and into the hull of the steamer.

"The water was pouring in, and the captain immediately swung the vessel around and made for shore. As the steamer neared the bank, the end of the log struck the bottom, causing the

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121,141 REGISTER; TIME UP APRIL 18

REPUBLICANS IN LEAD, WITH 80,274 OF TOTAL.

Secretary of State Reports That During Week Ending March 18 17,251 in State Signed.

SALEM, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Registrations for the Oregon primary election show a decided gain as the time for the books to close April 18 draws near. During the week ending March 18, reports received at the office of Secretary of State Olcott show that 17,251 persons were listed in the state, bringing the total up to 121,141.

Of the total number registered, 80,274 or 66.27 per cent are Republicans and 30,680 are Democrats. Progressives number only 750; Prohibitionists, 2849; Socialists, 2948, and miscellaneous registrations, 3640.

The number of persons who have registered for the primaries each week throughout the state since the books opened January 1 are as follows: To January 15, 9360; January 22, 7885; January 29, 7687; February 5, 8499; February 12, 13,032, February 19, 14,717; February 26, 12,720; March 4, 13,317; March 11, 16,673; March 18, 17,251. Total, 121,141.

SUSPECT IS IDENTIFIED

San Francisco Police Say Italian at Seattle Wanted for Murder.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 26.—James Marlano arrested in Seattle a week ago, was positively identified today by Sergeant Conlon and Detective Evatt, of the San Francisco police department, as Pietro Torturici, who is wanted in that city for the murder of B. Vilardo and the dismemberment of his body in April, 1905.

Marlano denies that he is the man wanted and will fight extradition.

The San Francisco officers obtained an affidavit from a laborer who formerly worked with Torturici in San Francisco in which the affiant described a pronounced scar on the suspect's knee. The detectives said they found the scar on Marlano.

COTTON FIRE DISATROUS

Flames at Houston, Tex., Jump Street; Loss Is $530,000.

HOUSTON, Tex., March 26.—Loss estimated at $530,000 was caused here today by fire which started in the cotton sheds of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway and spread to nearly a dozen other buildings and 40 freight cars.

Residents of the North Side were thrown into a panic when the flames jumped across Main street and set fire to several houses. The flames were brought under control after two hours.

VILLA GENERAL IS KILLED

Government Forces Report Execution of Prisoners Taken in Battle.

QUERETARO, Mexico, March 26.—General Pedro Gozman and 22 others, all members of Villa's band, were killed in battle today in the neighborhood of Laguna and Dinamita. In this action between Government forces and bandits 10 prisoners also were taken and summarily executed.

This information came in a message to the Minister of War, General Obregon, who was informed that the campaign against the Villistas was being waged with the utmost vigor.

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PASTOR AND SCHOOL BOARD IN DEBATE

Dr. Boyd Raps System He Calls Vicious.

RED TAPE HINDERS, HE SAYS

Unwillingness to Vest Authority Is Condemned.

MR. ALDERMAN REPLIES

Mr. Plummer Also Says Board Is Rapidly Following Suggestions of Survey and Superintendent Has More of Free Hand.

Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, discussed and analyzed the school system of Portland from his pulpit yesterday at noon before 1000 attendants at the current events class. School Board Members O. M. Plummer and S. P. Lockwood, Superintendent Alderman and several hundred teachers and principals were there.

After he had finished his argument, which included criticism of the Board for clinging to the old methods of administering school affairs, in the face of the survey made three years ago, which denounced such methods, Mr. Plummer, one of the School Directors, and Superintendent Alderman answered the argument, agreeing in the main with the minister with reference to the strictures made by the survey, but pointing out the progress in the school management along the lines, in large measure, of the survey recommendations.

Speakers Are Applauded.

It became an impromptu debate with the minister. When Dr. Boyd had ended his discourse he was greeted with general applause right there in church. And similar expression of feeling was manifest towards Mr. Plummer and Superintendent Alderman, when they completed their answer. Mr. Lockwood did not speak.

The survey was the product of five experts, of which E. P. Cubberly, one of the big educational minds on the Pacific Coast, was chairman. It characterized the administration of the Portland school system at that time three years ago, as "cumbersome, inefficient, even vicious."

Dr. Boyd read the salient features of the report and pointed out what he said were the shortcomings of the board and its conduct of the schools, assuming that what the survey said was all true, and he knew, of his own experience, he said, that it was true to some extent.

Authorities Declared to Be Asleep.

He found fault with the board's method of not placing more responsibility on the superintendent, principals and even teachers, instead of holding the superintendent in subjection and fear of his tenure, which is only one year and by election, should he exceed his authority. He pointed out the weakness of this system as applied to the principal and teachers, whose tenure was for life.

"The superintendent and principals are not to be blamed and criticised," declared Dr. Boyd. "There is good material in the schools, but they are all asleep."

The survey report characterized the "uniformity" in the schools as administered by the Board was appalling. The conclusion of Dr. Boyd was that the Board was at fault for such a condition. He maintained that the survey had been made three years ago, but it had not been heeded as it should have been by the Board by a reorganization, mobilization and co-ordination of powers for efficiency.

Red Tape Found Hindrance.

"I suppose that this is hurting," digressed the minister, "but I want to say I stand for everything I have said, and my address is on Alder street, and my telephone number is in the book. And I can be found either at one or the other." This sally sent a smile over the audience.

Dr. Boyd declared some of the "red tape" and the rules and regulations were useless, yet tended to clog administration and efficiency. He pointed out how the survey had made strictures on these. Yet there had been no radical changes, so far as he knew, and that was three years ago. He declared that they ought to be revised and made workable and efficient to meet the needs of the schools.

He said the highest pedigogical act is the appointment of principals and teachers. That is in the hands of the board. He argued that this was impractical and that the superintendent should present the names and the board elect.

Politics Indicated, He Said.

He then told about seeking a place in the schools for a young lady, who had applied to him for aid in that direction. He said he would write to the superintendent. The young lady told him he must write to the board, for the superintendent is not in authority. So he wrote to two members of the board and received two replies.

Dr. Boyd then cited a case that he said looked as if the board was playing a little politics in appointments. It had to do with a Swedish girl, whose name was selected out of the usual way and elected.

"And by golly, she made good," he said, repeating the words of a board

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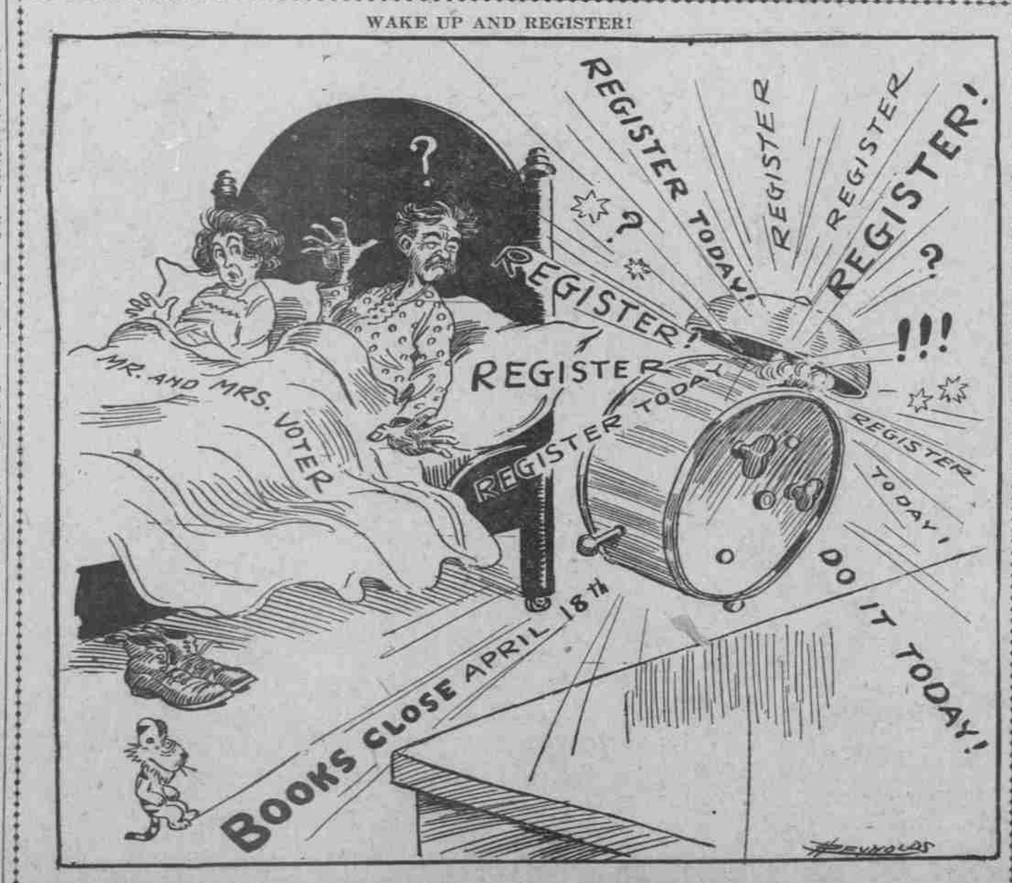
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