

MR. GIBSON TELLS OF HUN OUTRAGES

Slaughter of Non-Combatants by Zeppelin Dropping Bombs on Antwerp Horrifics.

DEEP HATE IS ENGENDERED

Destruction of Buildings, With Loss of Lives, Does Not Terrify, but Only Strengthens Determination of Belgians.

BY HUGH GIBSON, Secretary of the American Legation in Brussels at the outbreak of the war. Copyright, 1917, by Woodard Clarke & Co., by Olla F. Wood.

(CONTINUED.)

Blount called me at what seemed an unusually early hour and said we should be up and about our day's work. When we were both dressed, we found that we had made a bad guess, when he looked at his watch and discovered that it was only a quarter to 7. Being up, however, we decided to go down and get our breakfast.

When we got down we found everybody else stirring, and it took us several minutes to get it through our heads that we had been through more excitement than we wanted of.

Bombs Spread Death.

Those distant explosions that we had taken so calmly were bombs dropped from a Zeppelin which had sailed over the city and dropped death and destruction in its path. The first bomb fell less than 200 yards from where we slept—no wonder that we were rocked in our beds! After a little breakfast we sallied forth.

The first bomb was in a little street around the corner from the hotel, and had fallen into a narrow four-story house, which was blown into bits. When the bomb burst, it not only tore a fine hole in the immediate vicinity, but hurled its pieces several hundred yards. All the windows for at least 200 or 300 feet were smashed into little bits. The fronts of all the surrounding houses were pierced with hundreds of holes, large and small. The street itself was filled with debris and was impassable.

Explosion's Force Terrific.

From this place we went to the other points where bombs had fallen. As we afterward learned, ten people were killed outright; a number have since died of their injuries and lost more are injured, and some of these may die. A number of houses were completely wrecked and a great many will have to be torn down.

Army officers were amazed at the terrific force of the explosion. The last bomb dropped as the Zeppelin passed over our heads, fell in the center of a large square—the Place du Poid Public. It tore a hole in the cobblestone pavement, some 20 feet square and four or five feet deep. Every window in the square was smashed to bits. The fronts of the houses were riddled with holes, and everybody had been obliged to move out, as many of the houses were expected to fall at any time.

Dutch Minister's Grieved.

The Dutch Minister's house was near one of the smaller bombs and was damaged slightly. Every window was smashed. All the crockery and china are gone; mirrors in tiny fragments; and the Minister somewhat startled. Not far away was Faura, the first secretary of the Spanish Legation. His wife had been worried sick for fear of bombardment, and he had succeeded only the day before in prevailing upon her to go to England with their large family of children.

Another bomb fell not far from the houses of the Consul-General and the Vice-Consul-General, and they were not at all pleased. The windows on one side of our hotel were also smashed.

Zeppelins Sails Low.

We learned that the Zeppelin had sailed over the town not more than 500 feet above us; the motor was stopped some little distance away and she slid along in perfect silence and with her lights out. It would be a comfort to say just what we think about the whole business. The purr of machine guns that we heard after the explosion of the last bomb was the starting of the motor, which carried our visitor out of range of the guns which were trundled out to attack her.

Preparations were being made to receive such a visit, but they had not been completed; had she come a day or two later, she would have met a warm reception. The line of march was straight across the town, on a line from the general staff, the palace where the Queen was staying with the royal children, the military hospital of Ste. Elisabeth, filled with wounded, the Bourse, and some other buildings.

It looks very much as though the idea

had been to drop one of the bombs on the palace. The palace itself was missed by a narrow margin, but large pieces of the bomb were picked up on the roof and shown me later in the day by Ingelbleek, the King's secretary.

The room at the general staff, where I had been until half an hour before the explosion, was a pretty ruin, and it was just as well for us that we left when we did. It was a fine, big room, with a big round table and several big round tables where we were sitting. This came in with a crash and was in powder all over the place. Next time sit under a glass skylight in Antwerp! I shall have a guard outside with an eye out for Zeppelins.

If the idea of this charming performance was to inspire terror, it was a complete failure. The people of the town, far from yielding to fear, are devoting their energies to anger. They are furious at the idea of killing their King and Queen. There is no talking when the performer will be repeated, but there is a chance that next time the balloon man will get a warmer reception.

Many Messages Accepted.

In the morning I was around and called at the Foreign Office, which is established in a handsome building that belonged to one of the municipal administrators. I was met by the Belgian Affairs took me into his office and summoned all hands to hear any news I could give of their families and friends. I also took notes of names and addresses of people in Brussels who were to be told that their own people in Antwerp were safe and well. I had been doing that steadily from the minute we set foot in the hotel the night before, and when I got back here I had my pockets bulging with interesting messages. Now comes the merry task of getting them around.

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I stopped at the palace to sign the King's book, and ran into General Junghuth, who was just starting off with the Queen. She came down the stairs and stopped just long enough to shake hands and to say that she is a brave little woman and deserves a better fate than she has had. Ingelbleek, the King's secretary, heard that I was signing the book and came out to see me. He said that the Queen was anxious I should see what had been done of the bombs of the night before. He wanted me to go right into the houses and see the horrid details. I did not want to do this, but there was no getting out of it under the circumstances.

Terrible Sightings Seen.

We drove first to the Place du Poid Public and went into one of the houses which had been wrecked by one of the smaller bombs. Everything in the place had been left as it was until the police magistrate could make his examination and report. We climbed to the first floor, and shall never forget the horrible sight that awaited us. A poor policeman and his wife had been blown to fragments, and the pieces were all over the walls and ceiling. Blood was everywhere.

Other details are too terrible even to think of. I could not stand any more of this, and I went to the police magistrate, which Ingelbleek wanted to show me, but I could not think of it. And this was only one of a number of houses where peaceful and happy women had been so brutally killed while they slept.

Outrages Fail to Terrify.

And where is the military advantage of this? If the bombs were dropped near the front lines, it would be easy to understand, but in this instance it is hard to explain upon any ground, except the hope of terrifying the population to the point where they would demand that the government surrender the town and the fortifications. Judging from the temper they were in yesterday at Antwerp, they are more likely to demand that the place be held at all costs rather than risk falling under the rule of a conqueror brutal enough to murder innocent people in their beds.

The Prime Minister told me that he has been in the army all the children he has had, and that he was prepared to give every one of them, and his own life and fortune, into the bargain, but that he was not prepared to yield to Germany. Everybody else is in the same state of mind. It is not hysterical. The war has been going on long enough, and they have had many hard blows that the famous and the fictitious attractiveness of the thing is gone, and they have settled down in deadly earnest to fight to the bitter end. There may not be one stone left upon another in Belgium when the Germans get through, but these people keep up to their present level they will come through—that is left of them—free.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

SALE OF TIMBER TO BE HELD BACK

O. & C. Lands Subject of Extended Report by Commissioner of Land Office.

ACTION BY CONGRESS DUE

Exchange of Lands in Certain Areas and Consolidation of Private Holdings Within Grant Limits to Be Permitted.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 12.—It is evident from the annual report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that the sale of timber on the Oregon & California land grant is to be held back, awaiting action by Congress on a bill introduced last session, permitting the consolidation of private holdings within the grant limits, and the exchange of private for government lands in certain areas, in order that the timber may be advantageously logged when sold. This proposition the commissioner discusses in some detail, saying:

Section 4 of the act of revestment provided for the sale of the timber on lands classified as timberlands at such times, in such quantities, and under such plan of public competitive bidding in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior may produce the best results.

Logging is Costly.

"In several instances it is known that small bodies of land so classified are practically isolated from lands of a similar character revested in the United States, but are in the immediate vicinity of timberlands in private ownership where logging operations are in progress. The Oregon & California timberlands for the most part are rough and rugged, if not actually mountainous in character, requiring large expenditures in the way of logging railroads and similar facilities to cut and remove the timber, all of which involves a heavy expenditure, so that a sale of timber thus situated can not be advantageously made except to operators in the immediate vicinity, who are already provided with the proper equipment for handling the timber.

Holdings Are Scattered.

The scattered holdings of timberlands by the United States will seriously interfere with the advantageous disposition of the timber. Successful logging operations in this region call for large bodies of timberland, and prices paid for timberlands will be to a large degree affected by the possibilities of thus blocking them up for future operations. It is apparent, however, that when these lands are offered for public sale that the competitors at said sale will be few in number, due to the fact that only the holders of adjacent lands in private ownership will be in a position to take advantage of the subsequent ownership of these lands, so far as the successful prosecution of future logging operations is concerned. What has been said with respect to the decreased value of the lands thus held in private ownership is equally true as to the lessened value of those held in private ownership, due to the same conditions.

Legislation is Recommended.

"For these reasons, the department has recommended legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to consolidate the present holdings, under the act of revestment, with lands adjacent thereto now held in private ownership, and thus be enabled to offer for sale, in single blocks, large bodies of timberland, eliminating thereby the advantage at public sale now held by the owners of adjacent lands. Legislative action as thus recommended is now pending before Congress.

The commissioner, referring to the efforts of the department to prevent the exploitation of O. & C. lands by unscrupulous and fraudulent land speculators at the expense of intending settlers and applicants, says:

"Repeated announcements to prevent such a condition, so far as possible, have been made by circulars, information sent through the local officers of the field division, to the public press, and otherwise, advising the public generally that these lands are not yet open to entry and settlement; that in the meantime it is utterly useless for any person to attempt to acquire any preference right upon any of these lands, inasmuch as there is no method inaugurated by which any settlement or filing can be made that would give such right for the purchase or acquisition of any of these lands."

DRIVE PLANS COMPLETE

Lane County Red Cross Membership Chairmen Named.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Lane County's organization for the Red Cross membership drive which will be inaugurated Monday morning, has been completed.

George Quayle, county chairman, who will have personal charge of the canvass in Eugene, has announced chairmen for the various cities and towns in Lane County as follows: Cottage Grove, Mrs. Karl Mills; Florence, Mrs. Jennie Arnhart; Astoria, Miss Alta G. Wilson; Avastore, Miss H. Coe; Blachley, Mrs. M. Johnson; Coburg, Mrs. Alma S. Allingham; Creswell, Mrs. B. S. Wakefield; Danvers, Mrs. C. Olson; Dexter-Treat, Miss Mabel Hill; Elmira-Veneta, Miss Kate Clark; Franklin, Mrs. Jennie Vio; Glenwood, Mrs. L. Inzalis; Gresham, Mrs. Ose Miller; Irving, Mrs. M. Kelso; Junction City, Mrs. L. C. Cawley; LaGrande, Mrs. M. G. H. Beale Hill; Leaburg, Mrs. Roy L. West; Loran, Mrs. Martha Crowe; Lowell, Mrs. Elizabeth Rose; Madras, Mrs. R. D. Dingle; Mapleton, Mrs. Isabel Potter; Marcola, Mrs. Joseph Neal; Oakridge, Mrs. Claude R. Jones; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Bertha Manning; Santa Clara, Mrs. O. R. Hill; Springfield, Mrs. J. C. Dimm; Toulon, Mrs. B. C. Howe; Waterville, Mrs. Belle Millard; Wendling, Mrs. J. R. Knowler.

BOOTLEG CASE APPEALED

Frank Caviness on Trial in Circuit Court of Baker.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The first of two bootlegging cases to get into the local Circuit Court were taken up today, when the case of the state against Frank Caviness was called for trial. While there have been numerous arrests here of late for violation of the prohibition laws, most of the defendants have pleaded guilty in the justice building or Police Court and paid their fines or accepted jail sentences. The Caviness case was appealed from the Police Court, where Caviness was found guilty.

Another similar case, also appealed, is that against John Caviness and John Kelly, which is also slated for trial following the first case.

HOOD RIVER BOARDS FORM

Lawyers and Physicians to Assist Drafted Men Organize.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The draft local advisory board of Hood River County has been organized with the following members: District Attorney A. J. Derby, County Judge Elmore, and J. H. Hinkle. Associate members are: W. H. Boddy, Parkdale; C. B. Compton, Dee; A. G. Lewis, Pine Grove; J. E. Ferguson, Odell; Frank E. Dumble, Oak Grove; A. W. Meyers, Cascade Locks; E. C. Smith, John Baker; E. H. Hartwig, J. F. Batchelder and C. D. Nickelsen, Hood River.

The medical advisory board is composed of the following men: Drs. J. F. Wait, H. L. Dumble, E. D. Kanaga and C. H. Jenkins.

CONCERT NETS WOMEN \$111

Tom Dobson, Portland Singer, Donates Services to Cause.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Hood River Chapter of Red Cross realized \$111 Tuesday night from a concert given by Tom Dobson, popular singer of Portland. The High School auditorium was crowded by people from all sections of this vicinity.

The concert was held under the auspices of the musical department of the Hood River Woman's Club. All proceeds from entertainments given by this club during the winter will be given to the Red Cross. Mr. Dobson donated his services.

Yakima Appointments Made.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—L. D. Luce, who has been Deputy County Assessor under W. D. McNair, has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to succeed Mr. McNair as Assessor when the latter assumes his position as City Commissioner.

Three Brothers Enlist.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Three sons of County Commissioner A. C. Turner have enlisted in the military or naval service since the outbreak of war with Germany. Alfred, aged 24, enlisted in the Marines a few days after war was declared and now is serving in France. Robert, aged 23, is training in aviation photo work at Fort Sill, Okla., and Chester, aged 26, left today to enter the artillery at Fort Lawton. A fourth son, Paul, aged 18, is in high school. Outlook, but is thinking of following the footsteps of his brothers.

Mill Owner Purchases Land.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—State Senator Frank G. Barnes, Silver Lake mill owner, has purchased 63 acres of bottom land from O. Olson, of Kelso, who has large acreage adjoining Mr. Barnes' holdings. Mr. Barnes owns 650 acres of Columbia River bottom land, which will be reclaimed through the construction of a dike.

Excursion to Camp Lewis.

Under auspices of the OREGON STATE HOTEL ASSOCIATION and the PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Lv. Union Station 7:30 A. M., arrive Camp Lewis 11:30 A. M. Returning, leave Camp Lewis 5:45 P. M., arrive Portland 9:45 P. M.

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EASTERN PEOPLE LOYAL

Hood River Woman Returns After Visiting Son in New York City.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The war has been thoroughly impressed on the people of the Atlantic Coast cities, says Mrs. J. F. Batchelder, who returned Tuesday night from New York City, where she went to visit her son, Lieutenant George Batchelder, of the Aviation Corps, before he sailed for France.

"One night, while sitting around a campfire with my son and other officers, we noticed as many as 16 airplanes, piloted by students, flying over the camp," Mrs. Batchelder said.

"Mrs. Batchelder is in the East until she received a cablegram announcing that her son had arrived safely in France.

Hood River Pastor to Go East.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Rev. Elijah Hull, Longbrake, who came here last year from Lewiston, Idaho, will preside for the last time as pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church Sunday evening. Mr. Hull broke announces that he has received calls from churches of the Middle West, one of which he has tentatively accepted.

22 Baker Men Enlist.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Last night 22 recruits left for Vancouver, 16 went the night before and 12 the night before. The total enlistment since November 26 is reported to be more than 100 by the recruiting sergeant.

\$30,000 Fire Near Seattle.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—Four stores and a garage at Rainier Valley, a suburb, were destroyed by fire early today. The loss was estimated at \$30,000.

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