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LIAN WARSHIPS BOMBARD TURKISH FORT AT BEIRUT

Naval Activity by Italy in he Medditerranean in Long Time.

Y AMERICANS IN PROVINCE ATTACKED

onaries and Educators d Institutions Escape—Damage Unknown.

ssociated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

IRUT, Feb. 24.—Italian war- bombarded this city today, but ing was only brief. The Amer- rotestant college, whose found- president emeritus is Rev. Dr. Bliss, is safe. The extent of mage is not yet known. None American institutions suffered Professors, missionaries, ts and employes are all safe.

RLY REPORT OF ATTACK.

y Has Small Force at Beirut—Many Foreigners There.
ssociated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NDON, Feb. 24.—Three Italian ips are bombarding Beirut, the al seaport of the Turkish ce of Syria on the Mediterran- ccording to several dispatches ed here today. A panic pre- among the inhabitants, the ma- of whom are Christians.

reported bombardment of Bei- the Italian is the first sign of naval activity on the Mediter- for a long period and appears part of a new plan of campaign ly announced. The city has small Turkish garrison of 500 ry and 250 cavalry and a de- ent of artillery and engineers. ot strongly fortified. It has a population, mostly Christians, rches of various Christian de- ations and American missions stablished 150 schools with nds of pupils in the province.

C. KNOX IS OFF ON TRIP

net Officer Leaves on an nportant Mission to South America.

ssociated Press to Coos Bay Times)

Y WEST, Fla., Feb. 24.—Secre- Knox sailed from Key West to- board the cruiser Washington political mission that will take according to present arrange- to the capital of Central Amer- To Caracas, Venezuela, possibly rtagena, Colombia and also to s points in the West Indies. the secretary was taken on the cruiser he was given the salute of nineteen guns. There nificent importance attached to s mission by Taft and the State tment. Ordinarily a salute is to cabinet officers only they leave the ship, but accord- special orders it will be ac- Knox whenever he embarks in ign port and also upon his de- e from the ship in American

All officers of the entire ma- ttachment and band paraded in s honor. These ceremonies over, nox party were escorted below he voyage to Port Antonio was

retary Knox will occupy the At- s quarters on board the Wash- . Knox is making the trip at irection of President Taft and ean diplomats look on it with than passing interest. Secretary is going to the Carribean to diplomatic problems and to se more accurate information of tions in Central and Northern America. The Washington will m there to Port Antonio, Ja- and the preseent itinerary will Knox away until some time in

OKLAHOMA IS DIVIDED

and Wilson Divide Delegation From That State.
ssociated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LAHOMA, Feb. 24—The con- r control of the Oklahoma dele- to the National Democratic ntion waged between the Champ and Woodrow Wilson cam- ers resulted in a compromise by a split delegation will be o Baltimore.

AULDING BASEBALLS, Bats, and GLOVES at Milners.

WILL ASK FOR VESSEL HERE

Capt. Macgenn Wants Special Training Ship for Local Naval Militia.

A plan to get a small training ship for the use of the Coos Bay and Bandon divisions of the Oregon Naval Militia was outlined by Capt. T. J. Macgenn at a meeting of the Marshfield divisions at their hall last evening. This was the first meeting of the divisions since the election of the new officers and Capt. Macgenn, the new commander, expects to make them the best divisions in the state.

He has arranged for another meeting to be held next Thursday evening and expects to resume drill work and instruction soon.

He expresses the belief that the U. S. Navy Department will gladly furnish a small vessel or a converted yacht as a training ship to be permanently located here and at Bandon if they see that the Coos County militiamen are showing the proper spirit. Just as soon as he effects the reorganization, he will make application for the vessel and expects to be able to secure it before many months elapse.

TAFT STARTS ANANIAS CLUB

President Issues First Statement in Which He Uses Term "Falsehood."

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24—President Taft denied emphatically today that in a speech at New York on Lincoln's birthday he said "That the people are not fitted for self government." In the first official statement of this kind that the White House has issued during the Taft administration, the President calls the circulation of this story a "falsehood." The White House statement is as follows:

"Among the falsehoods that are now being assiduously circulated by the persons and papers opposed to the President is that he argued that the people are not fitted for self government. President Taft said nothing on that occasion which possibly could be contorted into any such a construction.'

PLANT GRASS ON NORTH SPIT

Government Will Co-operate With Port Commission in Retaining Sand.

Engineer F. E. Leefe has been instructed by Major Morrow to assume charge of the planting of Holland grass on the North Spit as was recently requested by the Coos Bay Port Commission. The Port Commission appropriated $1000 for this purpose and asked that Major Morrow try and have the government assist in the work of trying to prevent the sand shifting and damaging the bar channel. Major Morrow said that he had requested the government to furnish at least $500 additional for this purpose. This probably will be granted.

George Wilson with a force of fifteen men will start work about March 1, and during March and April will probably plant about 152 acres of it. Last year Mr. Leefe had about fifty-two acres planted. It costs about $10 per acre to plant it.

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GRUDGE LED TO BABES' MURDER

Attendant at Brooklyn Hospital Admits She Killed Infants While Trying to Harm the Nurses.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 24—Winifred Ankers, an attendant at the Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' Hospital, was arraigned today on the charge of homicide in connection with the deaths of eight infants at the hospital since Sunday. The woman confessed that she put oxalic acid in the babies' milk not to kill but to make ill so that it would appear that nurses against whom she had a grudge were not taking proper care of the infants. An inquiry of the woman's sanity will be had.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

NEW YORK, Feb. 24—A woman attendant at the Brooklyn nursery and infants' hospital is under the surveillance of allienists who are seeking to solve the mystery of the deaths of eight children within a week. The children are now believed to have been poisoned, according to hospital authorities who suspect the woman who was committed to the institution by the city last summer. She brought with her a baby boy. Her duties brought her in frequent contact with inmates of the nursery and afforded her access to the diet kitchen.

MANY SLAIN IN LATE BATTLE

Mexican Troops Decoy Rebels Into Death Trap—Over 275 Killed.

By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

TORREON, Mex., Feb. 20, Via El Paso, Feb. 23—Details of the fighting between the Federal troops and Vasquistas at San Pedro Sunday have reached here. It is stated that 257 rebels were killed while the Federals lost eleven killed and 14 wounded. Two children and seven women were killed by stray bullets. A heavy loss was sustained by the insurrectos on a ruse on the part of the Federal troops. They had posted a small skirmish line outside the city. This detachment retreated as it fired and to lure the attackers on kept crying "Evacuate," "evacuate" to their comrades in the city. Deceived by this, the rebels rushed into the long narrow street of the city. The Federals concealed on roofs and in the houses poured murderous fire on them from rifles and from two well posted rapid fire guns which swept the street. In a few minutes it is said 200 of them were mowed down, their bodies littering the street. There is an unconfirmed report that rebel reinforcements captured the town and burned the market place.

LEAVE TODAY ON BREAKWATER

Steamship Sails This Afternoon for Portland With Large Passenger List.

The Breakwater sailed this afternoon for Portland with a large list of passengers and a good cargo of miscellaneous freight.

Among those sailing from here on her were the following:

M. S. Edgerton, E. McFarland, Master Martin, Mrs. C. Martin, John Arfon, L. Zunch, H. Bunch, C. G. Smith, J. H. Murphy, C. G. Irwin, W. T. Hummelt C. G. Nichols, Ethel Timmons, Gus Badman, Gus Green, H. Olson, O. Hedlund, A. L. Ness, W. E. Strayht Miss C. D. Hilton and child, E. J. Even, Henry Huntley, Jerry Huntley, C. E. Sherman, T. W. Herman, B. R. Booth, Lester Kenner, W. H. Kenner, A. Auer, C. C. Hughs, A. Husby, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Zevely, Mr. T. O'Bryan, Mrs. T. O'Bryan, C. W. Winchell, Margaret Overton, Ed Vandecar, James Stubbs, Wm. Dungan, J. C. Barton, J. J. Fitzgerald, K. Anita, A. D. Pierce, Wm. Borgman, Mrs. B. Hickman, E. B. Furman, J. E. Crandell, J. R. Crandell, J. Hanlon, A. Sanders, J. D. Britton, Henry Jackson, E. T. Graham, W. Hazeland, J. Ericksen, J. C. Stern, M. Stern, W. A. Goodman.

HOTEL THIEVES WORK

Notorious Crooks Suspected of San Francisco Jewel Robbery.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24—Detectives investigating the theft of $47,000 worth of jewelry from the apartments of Mrs. Eugene De Sabla in a local hotel early Wednesday morning are convinced it was the work of three notorious hotel thieves. A dragnet has been spread for them in every city of prominence west of Chicago. The men suspected are all former convicts, suspects being Nicholas Morn, alias George Cole, known as "The Count"; Joseph Nobac and James Kelley, known as the "Artful Dodger."

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WILL ARRAIGN MEN MAR. 12

Arrangements Made to Open Hearings in Noted Dynamite Conspiracy.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 24—Arrangements have been completed by the government for the arraignment on March 12 of the men indicted in the dynamite conspiracy case. District Attorney Miller announced 48 of the 54 defendants would go before Federal Judge Anderson here to enter pleas in answer to the 32 indictments. The McNamaras, Ortie E. McManigal and several other defendants probably will not appear.

DARROW LOSES OUT

Court Refuses Request for Complete Transcript Grand Jury Evidence.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24—Presiding Judge Hutton in the Superior Court ruled against Clarence S. Darrow, former counsel for the McNamara brothers in the latter's effort to procure a full transcript of the grand jury evidence on which he was indicted several weeks ago for the alleged bribery of a juryman. The court held the incomplete transcript as delivered by the state was sufficient.

ALLIANCE IN AND OUT TODAY

Steamship Arrives From Eureka and Sails for Portland This Afternoon.

The Alliance arrived this morning from Eureka and sailed this afternoon for Portland. She had a good list of passengers and a heavy cargo of through freight from Eureka.

The Alliance will sail Tuesday evening from Portland for Coos Bay.

Among those sailing from Coos Bay for Portland on her today were:

B. F. Dodson, Mrs. Flora Dodson, Alva Dodson, Ben Dodson, C. E. Sherman, C. A. Manuel, W. A. Straight, John Dill, C. Germande, A. T. Charlott, Wm. Lemon, Geo. Williams, Paul Johnson, Mrs. Quatermass, S. W. Fisher and Mrs. S. W. Fisher.

MAY AVERT BIG STRIKE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 24—As a result of various meetings of Premier Asquith and representatives of the government with miners' committees and a committee of owners the situation in the pending coal strike is far more hopeful.

KETCHEL IS DEAD

Chicago Pugilist Succumbs and Opponent Is Under Arrest.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 24—Joe Ketchell, the prize fighter who collapsed during a recent bout with Billy Walters at the United States naval training school near Waukegan, died today. Walters was arrested pending an investigation by the Coroner.

Ketchel's death was due to three blood clots on the brain resulting from a ruptured artery. According to the naval surgeon the injury was an old one and could not have been received during the bout at the training school. Ketchell's real name was Kamarowski.

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ASK PRESIDENT MADERO TO RESIGN OFFICE IN MEXICO

General Gomez, Exiled Leader, Wires Him From San Antono to Retire.

GOMEZ IS CHOICE OF NEW REVOLUTIONISTS

United States Forced to Increase Number of Troops On Boundary.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 24—Emilio Vasquez Gomez has wired President Madero from here asking him to surrender the presidency of the country to prevent further bloodshed and growth of the revolutionary movement. Gomez has been advanced as a presidental possibility by the Vasquistas revolutionists in Mexico.

WILL PROTECT BORDER.

United States Will Increase Force Along Mexican Line.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—As a result of a conference at the White House between President Taft, Secretary of War Stimpson and Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson, additional troops will be despatched to the border to safeguard American interests and enforce the neutrality laws of the United States.

The War Department officials were concerned Friday by reports from Colonel Steever in charge of the American forces patrolling the Mexican border confirming the press dispatches that large forces of rebels are moving on Juarez opposite El Paso. The advices stated that General Orozco is leading one of these forces with 1400 men.

TROOPS ARE READY.

Government Force at San Antonio to Go to Border.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 24.—The Twenty-second Infantry and part of the Third Cavalry here have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to move on short notice. The railroads are gathering cars for their transportation.

ANGRY ABOUT POOR SERVICE

Mail Contractor Barnard Irate Because Slides Are Not Removed Quickly.

Mail Contractor Barnard is again up in arms because the old Coos Bay wagon road is not kept up in better shape. The two or three landslides which have delayed the mail recently have been the cause of it. Today he sent the following self explanatory telegram to Judge John F. Hall of the Coos County Court and J. H. Flanagan of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce:

"Slide two hundred feet across and six hundred feet up and down two miles this side of Sitkum. A dangerous crossing was made at first but there is no effort to keep it open. Came across yesterday morning and no men were working. Yesterday it closed up again and men could not cross with west bound mail. Packers were out 12 hours three days last week with no food or rest. Situation is unnecessary and unbearable longer. Supervisor says people do not want Marshfield mail carried over this road. Will wire facts to department today.

NORTH BEND IS NOW CHAMPION

High School Debating Team Victors in Coos County High School Debates.

FINAL SCORE

North Bend	6 points
Coquille	4 points
Myrtle Point	4 points
Bandon	2 points

The North Bend High School debating teams last evening won the Coos County championship in the state series of interstate scholastic debating contests, defeating the Bandon and Coquille teams against whom they were pitted.

The question for the debates was "Resolved, that life imprisonment with restricted power of pardon should be substituted for capital punishment."

At North Bend, the Bandon negative team was defeated by the North Bend affirmative team. The debate was at the high school building and was well attended. Supt. Tiedgen, Judge John F. Hall and C. A. Sehlbrede were the judges and decided two to one in favor of North Bend.

The North Bend team was composed of Norma Chase, Frances Golden and Dorothy Kibler. The Bandon team was composed of Pearl Craine, Marguerite Haberly and Zelma Kelter.

At Coquille.

The North Bend negative team won from the Coquille affirmative team in the debate at Coquille last evening with the following score:

North Bend, 3 points.
Coquille, 1 point.

The judges of the debate were G. T. Treadgold of Bandon, Principal Barker of Marshfield, and S. D. Pulford of Myrtle Point.

The Coquille team was Naomi Knowlton, Perry Lawrence and Alice Stanley.

Supt. Raab accompanied the North Bend negative team, consisting of George Dewey, Lyle Chappell and Chas. Van Zile, to Coquille and returned with them today.

At Myrtle Point.

At Myrtle Point the Coquille negative team won by the following score:

Coquille, 3 points.
Myrtle Point, 1 point.

The Coquille negative team was composed of Irvin Custer, Will Barrow and Mae Lund.

The Myrtle Point affirmative team was Paul Brewer, Arthur Jones and Harold Adams.

At Bandon

The Myrtle Point negative team won at Bandon by this score:

Myrtle Point, 3 points.
Bandon, 1 point.

The Myrtle Point team consisted of Misses Myrl McCloskey, Bernice Chandler and Dora Harrison.

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168 DIE IN ONE BLIZZARD

Terrific Loss of Life in Asiatic Russian Province in Snowstorm Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

OMSK, Asiatic Russia, Feb. 24.—One hundred and sixty-eight persons are known to have frozen to death in a snow storm in this district today.

SHOOT CAR THIEVES

Great Northern Detectives in Revolver Duel in Montana.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

GLASGOW, Mont., Feb. 24—Bartlett Hayfield and John Longworthy were shot, the latter fatally, in a revolver battle with Great Northern detectives. The officers allege Hayfield and Longworthy were filling a wagon with valuable freight stolen from Great Northern freight cars near here in the last month.

TROUBLE ON ISLANDS

Serious Rebellions in Portuguese Island Possessions Reported.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LISBON, Feb. 24—A grave situation is reported in certain Portuguese colonies. Timor, an island in the Malay archipelago, continues in rebellion and Goa, on the west coast of India, is said to be in complete anarchy. Savage tribes control most of the country. They have pillaged and massacred, not even sparing Europeans.

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