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GERMANS MAY OCCUPY BELGIAN CAPITAL TODAY BURGOMASTER FEARS OCCUPATION BY ENEMY IS VERY IMMINENT WM. BRUNER KILLED BY GUN SHOT WOUND ON DAVIS SLOUGH EXTRA!

GERMANS ADVANCING ON FRANCE, BY SUPERIOR NUMBERS REPULSE BELGIAN FORCES WHICH HAVE TRIED TO PRESERVE INTEGRITY OF NATION.
ORDERS CIVIC GUARD TO DISPERSE AND THEREBY SAVE BLOODSHED BY UNNECESSARY RESISTANCE
Big Engagement Is Reported to Have Taken Place in Northern Limbourg, and That an Important French-German Battle Is Expected.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, AUG. 20.—A DISPATCH FROM BRUSSELS SAYS THAT GERMAN OCCUPATION OF BRUSSELS SEEMS IMMINENT. THE BURGOMASTER OF THE BELGIAN CAPITAL HAS ORDERED THE CIVIC GUARD TO DISARM.

GERMANS CONTINUE THEIR ADVANCE.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Aug. 20.—A portion of the Belgian army has begun to retire in the direction of Antwerp as a result of the German advance, according to an official announcement.

East of Namur the Germans have attained a line between Dinant and Neufchateau. Large German forces continue to cross the River Meuse between Liege and Namur. German outposts have occupied Dyle.

BELGIANS FORCED BACKWARDS.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The report that the allies in Northern Belgium have been forced to retire before the overwhelming onslaught of the German infantry has been confirmed by the official war information bureau this afternoon. Communication with Brussels is "most difficult" since morning, it is stated. Indications are said to be that the Germans are about to occupy the city if they had not already done so.

A news agency dispatch from Amsterdam said the Belgians have been forced to evacuate Malines, about midway between Brussels and Antwerp.

BELGIAN ARMY REPULSED BY SUPERIOR FORCE.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The following is given out by the official bureau: "The Belgian army, confronted by superior numbers, has fallen back."

ADVANCING ON ANTWERP.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The German cavalry is advancing on Antwerp, according to a message from there. The Belgians were attacked and repulsed on the uplands when they penetrated the outer line of the city's defense. Antwerp is quiet. Military experts declare the city's fortifications are almost impregnable.

BIG BATTLE EXPECTED.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

BRUSSELS, Aug. 20.—An engagement is reported to have taken place in northern Limbourg. An important French-German battle is expected.

THE BLOOD MAD MONARCHS OF EUROPE IN AWFUL CARNAGE

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Aug. 20.—The Belgian troops and their allies were strongly attacked by the Germans in entrenched positions near Brussels. For two days the Germans have been advancing slowly but steadily, throwing up temporary breastworks as they came. It is evident that the allies are making a desperate effort to stop them before they reach Brussels. The losses on both sides are enormous. The scene of the battle is covered with dead and dying.

PEKIN ASKS U. S. TO INTERVENE.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PEKIN, Aug. 20.—China inquired today of the United States: "What is your attitude toward the cession by Germany to the United States of Kiau Chau for immediate cession thereafter to China?" The inquiry was made of the Charge d'Affairs and was based on an intimation from Germany that such a course might solve the problem.

TAKE BELGIANS' POSITION.
(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Aug. 20.—That the Germans have taken the Belgians' advanced position at Louvain was admitted by the War Office. The Belgian general staff is quoted as explaining that Louvain was evacuated to save the city from destruction by German artillery, which it owned proved very effective. Whether or not Brussels has fallen was not known.

Had Been Missing Since Last Thursday—Found Yesterday.

DOUBT AS TO WHETHER RIFLE OR PISTOL BULLET

Slain Man Was Well Known and Well Liked by All His Neighbors.

When the body of Wm. Bruner was found on Davis Creek yesterday it was discovered that the man had been shot through the head instead of being accidentally drowned, as was at first supposed.

The body was found at 11:45 by E. Bozalo, on what is known as the Wm. Fox place. Mr. Bozalo had been searching all morning with a party who were scouring the woods and searching the creek bottom. The body had been partly covered with weeds and brush and just one foot was visible when found. The body had been drawn behind a fallen log and under shelter of a drooping limb in such a location that it would have been impossible for it to have floated into.

The rest of the party were quickly notified by Mr. Bozalo, the body was uncovered and Coroner Wilson sent for, who brought it to the morgue of the Wilson Undertaking Parlor.

Mr. Bruner's hat was found a short distance from where the body was found, and a bullet hole was also found in it.

Mr. Bruner had been missing since last Thursday, instead of Friday, as was reported yesterday. At that time it was also stated that he had gone on a fishing trip with Joan Manning, who lives nearby, but his companion was Perry Lanning, also a neighbor. Mr. Manning came to Marshfield on the Banshee Thursday morning and was in the city until evening.

Mr. Bruner and Mr. Lanning started out Thursday afternoon about 1 o'clock for an afternoon's fishing on Davis Creek. In fishing up and down the creek the two men became separated and did not see each other until about 4 o'clock, the last that was seen of Mr. Bruner. After they met late in the afternoon, they again separated, intending to fish the rest of the afternoon, and at 7 o'clock Mr. Lanning shouted several times for Bruner, but did not get any responses. He returned to his home leisurely, expecting that Bruner would catch up with him on the way.

but he did not show up. Even then Mr. Lanning felt no concern, thinking Bruner had possibly returned another route and would spend the night with a neighbor.

The next day Mr. Lanning inquired of Z. T. Siglin if Bruner had come home, but was told that he had not. He then imagined that the man had decided to visit a family named Elliott who live near by, and it was not until Monday evening that he learned that such was not the case. It was not until then that he and the neighborhood began to fear for the safety of Bruner and search for the missing man was begun. On Wednesday the Henryville coal mine closed down that the miners might engage in the search for the missing man. Yesterday morning about forty people took up the search, with the result that the body was found as related.

An inquest was called for 10:30 o'clock this morning, but owing to the absence of Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist, it was not called until nearly noon, and after the jury had been sworn in and the testimony of Dr. Mingus taken, the trial was adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Dr. Mingus testified as to the nature of the bullet wound, stating that it entered the right temple in front of and above the ear. He extricated the bullet and showed it to the jury, but it was so badly battered that there was some question as to whether it was a rifle or pistol bullet. He stated also that the man's skull had been shattered, the bullet entering from above and following the course of the skull to a point low in the neck.

Dr. Mingus further testified that the body had been in the water four or five days and that under the conditions it might have been in the water as long as six days.

Mr. Lanning went on the witness stand at 1 o'clock. He related the details of the fishing trip and how he had waited for Bruner during the evening to return home with him. He arrived at his place about 8:20 and after eating supper went to the Siglin home to make inquiries as to Bruner, but found no lights burning in the house, so returned to his own home.

He was questioned by Liljeqvist as to a trip he made with Bruner to California some months ago and as to any really deal he had had with Bruner. He told that he had had none, and that the feeling between him and Bruner had always been most friendly.

Lanning was also questioned about
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POPE PIUS X DIED TODAY; EARLY THURSDAY AUGUST 20

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times)
ROME, August 20, 2:20 A. M.—
The Pope died at an early hour this morning.

Biographical Sketch of Pope Pius X.
Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, known to the world as Pope Pius X., was elected to the Pontificate on August 4, 1903, since which time his administration of that exalted office has been confronted with some of the most momentous problems, religious and governmental, with which the Holy See has had to deal in recent times. They have included, on the one hand, his determined attitude in maintaining the purity of catholic faith, beginning with his syllabus condemning criticism of the holy scriptures and of the origin of Christianity, and later bringing forth the famous Encyclical "Pascendi" which expounds and condemns the system of Modernism; and, on the other hand, the painful struggles which he had inherited with France over the separation of Church and State, later with Spain on similar issues, and more recently with Portugal as a result of the revolution which overthrew the monarchy.

Pope there were seven children, a son and six daughters. The father's salary of 40 cents a day and the mother's modest earnings from making dresses afforded them only the barest necessities of life, and the schooling of the children was sadly neglected. This was true especially of the girls, who never learned to read or write, even in after life.

Giuseppe's early career was fortunately influenced by the village priest who took a liking for the boy, taught him to read and write and drummed into the youthful head the rudiments of Latin. With this impetus, Giuseppe at the age of eleven years entered the seminary at Castelfranco, not far from his birthplace, and for four years every day, rain or shine, he tramped to school, usually barefooted, until he reached the outskirts of the village, where he would slip on his shoes to keep up appearances. Two pairs of shoes were his yearly allowance.

From Castelfranco he passed in 1850 to the seminary at Padua, and in 1855, at the age of twenty-five, was ordained priest and took up his duties at Tombolo. In 1867 he had his first parish of importance, that of

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FIVE COOS BAY MEN ARE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Terrible Tragedy at Pony Slough Bridge About 5 O'clock This Afternoon in Which Five Lives Are Lost.

BLUFORD DAVIS, WELL-KNOWN RANCHER, GOES TO DEATH IN HIS BIG CAR

Chris Peterson, James Wasson, "Clam Jack," and Another Man Dead—George Wasson and Another Man Still Alive.

One of the worst automobile accidents in the history of Coos Bay took place about 5 o'clock this afternoon, when the large Case car driven by Bluford Davis, the well known Coos River Rancher, went over the Pony Slough bridge, carrying five men down to death and two are still alive.

THE DEAD:
BLUFORD DAVIS, of Coos River.
CHRIS PETERSON, of the Union Saloon, Marshfield.
JAMES WASSON, the fish market man, of Marshfield.
JOHN MERGHERTON, better known as "Clam Jack," a well-known and long-time resident of South Slough and Kentuck Inlet.
MR. WUERTH.

THE INJURED:
George Wasson, badly injured but still living.
One unknown, still living.
The party left Marshfield early in the afternoon on a little pleasure trip. Captain O'Kelly started with them but got out at North Bend.
A late report says that Bluford Davis is still living but with little hope of recovery.

JAP. MESSAGES ARE BARRED

Wireless Stations Cannot Send or Receive Japanese Messages.

Wireless Operator Williamson of the Coos Bay Wireless Station, today received a special government order barring all messages in the Japanese language being transmitted by wireless from coast stations. This rule prohibits the receiving as well as the sending of such messages.

Lieutenant Dremel of the government naval station at Bremerton was here this week to inspect the wireless station and to see that the new rulings barring visitors from stations and prohibiting all code messages were enforced. He came late in the evening and left at 5 in the morning on the return trip to Portland.

Mr. Williamson says that messages from Japanese vessels are often picked up by wireless, but that of late everything in the wireless line is very quiet, even coasting vessels sending nothing that is not absolutely necessary.

ELKS WILL GO TO ROSEBURG

Plans Being Made for Large Auto Delegations Saturday, August 29.

At the regular meeting of the Elks lodge last evening it was decided that a large delegation of Elks will go to Roseburg Saturday, August 29, to play the Elks of that city a match game of baseball on Sunday, August 30, returning home Monday. Already a large number have signified their intention of going and there will also be delegations from Bandon, Myrtle Point and Coquille.

Dr. Ira Bartle of North Bend was initiated into the order last night and Ed McKeown and A. C. Vestal were elected to membership.

Benson and Hyde land fraud cases. The executive made the announcement when the State Desert Land Board, after an all-day session, had refused to declare forfeited several irrigation projects which had failed to comply with their contracts with the state, and he qualified it with the statement that conditions might arise which would make him change his mind, but that he could think of none, and that it was extremely probable that the special session would be called.

The executive asked the State Desert Land Board to declare forfeited to the state the irrigation projects of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, the Deschutes Company, and the Portland Irrigation Company on the ground that the companies had not reclaimed the lands in their projects, and that there was no prospect of their being able to finance them. The board considered the scheme inadvisable and his motion was not even given a second.

CALL SPECIAL SESSION DEC. 1

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—Governor West has virtually announced that he would ask the Legislature to convene in special session on December 1 and pass legislation as to arid lands, the unemployed problem, Summer and Abert Lakes and the

TELEGRAPH WIRES DOWN AGAIN

The Western Union wires have been down again all day today and if it were not for the Coos Bay Home Telephone Co. there would be no outside communication today. The Times received only a small part of its Associated Press report today.