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SKERRETT'S HEARING IS POSTPONED UNTIL TOMORROW

Hearing Postponed Until Saturday Morning and Witnesses Are Summoned

LIJQVIST TO BE HERE TO CONDUCT IT

Jury Prepares Detailed Statement of Investigation of Disaster

Examination of Chas. Skerrett was postponed until tomorrow morning and it is probable that District Attorney will be present for the hearing which will be held in the presence of the Wilson Undertaking Company on Third street.

McKnight, appearing as attorney for the defendant, stated that out of respect for George Skerrett, who would have taken the case in the absence of District Attorney and at the request of the coroner's jury, the defendant would be agreed to. It was an agreement of the attorneys before the Justice Court on Wednesday that the case would go to trial at the latest. Attorneys McKnight & McInturff have also been notified by the defendant.

Witnesses furnished yesterday by the bondsmen, amounting to \$3000, are good only for the appearance of Charles Skerrett tomorrow morning. Unless he is freed entirely he will either have to bond again or go to jail, according to Justice C. L. Pennock. Witnesses have been summoned by the prosecution to appear tomorrow morning. They are Zeilke, George W. Craig, proprietor of the boarding house, E. O. Willets, former janitor, and P. E. Wilson, William Prizzen, who held insurance books and personal effects belonging to Skerrett, P. J. Casey, lived in the house, and Miss Craig.

Charred Books Evidence. Boxes containing the charred remains of books and papers gathered yesterday from the location of Skerrett's room and these were taken to a police station to be later used as evidence. The contents has been that very little of books in Skerrett's library could be found after the fire and suspicion was advanced that the accused had taken the volumes away from the fire.

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Service Tonight.—There will be a service in the Episcopal church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

J. S. BARTON FINED \$300 AND COSTS

Judge Hamilton at Roseburg Remits Jail Penalty in Coquille Assault Case

(Special to The Times.) ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 26.—Judge Hamilton today sentenced J. S. Barton of Coquille, to pay a fine of \$300 and the costs of prosecution. It was announced by Barton's attorneys that he would pay the fine and costs. The costs will run up into the hundreds of dollars. Barton was found guilty of simple assault Wednesday, the jury bringing in a compromise verdict on the indictment charging him with criminal assault on Miss Madge Yeakum, an employee of his office in Coquille. This was his second trial. Barton was formerly State Representative from Coos County.

RUSSELL CASE IS NEARING CRISIS

Myrtle Point Poisoning Charges—Want to Know What to do with Pentland

Sheriff Johnson late yesterday received a telegram from Sheriff Quarles of Cour d'Alene, Idaho, asking him what he would do with Wm. Pentland, who was taken into custody there sometime ago as a probable witness in the Russell case at Myrtle Point. He said that he did not want to hold him so long without definite reason or having him sent back to Coos County.

Sheriff Johnson wired back to hold Pentland two days longer to give him further opportunity to ascertain whether there was sufficient evidence for further proceedings in the Russell case. He then wired the chemist at Portland to ascertain if the last examination of vital organs of Russell on.

Unless the chemist finds absolute evidence of poison and sufficient to have caused death, there will probably be no further developments in the Russell case, at least from the state's standpoint.

Pentland made a sensational affidavit at Coquille last month charging that Arthur Russell, who died three years ago at Myrtle Point, had been poisoned and the body was exhumed. After making the sworn charges, Pentland disappeared but was later located at his old home in Idaho by Sheriff Johnson.

It is possible that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell, who were reflected on in Pentland's sworn statement, might take action against him in case the state's prosecution of the poisoning charge does not develop.

AURORA GIRL FOUND SLAIN

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) AURORA, Ill., Feb. 26.—An old woolen glove and a heavy piece of gas pipe are the clues upon which the police today pinned their hope in solving the mystery of the murder of Miss Emma Peterson, whose body was found on a sidewalk in the fashionable section of the city last night. The police believe the pipe was used to crush the girl's skull. By means of the glove they hope to give a blood hound the scent. Forty-two suspects have been arrested. Miss Peterson is the third victim of similar mysterious deaths within a year.

BECKER LOSES OUT (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Charles Becker's application for a new trial on the indictment charging him with the murder of Herman Rosenbly was denied today by the supreme court.

Wheat Drops Fourteen Cents In Chicago Wheat Pit Today

FALLS DEAD WHILE URGING ITALIAN WAR

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) MILAN, Feb. 26.—Signor Mosti-Trotti, a radical deputy, pitched forward dead today while delivering a speech in a theatre in favor of Italian intervention in the war.

ITALIAN WAR RIOT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) GENOA ITALY, Feb. 26.—One person was killed and many wounded during riots at Ventimiglia, which resulted from a demonstration in favor of the maintenance of neutrality by Italy. A counter demonstration by persons desiring intervention of Italy in the war led to a serious fight. Several police and carabinieri were injured.

RUN OVER BY OWN AUTO, LEG BROKEN

CLAUDE TUCKER, GORST & KING DRIVER, CRANKS CAR WHEN IN GEAR; TAKEN TO MERCY HOSPITAL.

Claude Tucker, auto driver for Gorst & King, cranked his machine shortly before noon today while it was still in high gear and the auto leaping forward, broke his left leg above the ankle when it jammed him against the North Bend First National Bank building. The injured man was at once removed to Mercy Hospital where the broken bones were set.

Tucker lives at North Bend with his wife and little daughter and for some time he has been driving in the morning shift, playing the trap drums in the evening at the Lemanski Theater.

At the time of the accident Tucker had already completed his work for the morning and was about to turn the auto over to the next driver, T. J. Goodale, when he found the gasoline tank was about empty and started over to the garage for a new supply. It was in the act of backing the machine into the building that the engine stopped and Tucker, instead of drawing the gears back into neutral, got out and cranked the machine.

According to Goodale, who arrived on the scene a moment later, Tucker was backed against the building by the machine, which continued to run, holding him pinned there helpless until the power was turned off.

When the machine was backed from the building it was thrown into the reverse and before it could be stopped the auto ran backwards over a small bank but not damaged greatly, the front spring being slightly bent.

V. C. Gorst said this afternoon that Tucker's injuries were simply a broken leg and that he was getting along nicely. Many exaggerated reports concerning his injuries were circulated.

TRUCE DECLARED IN INDIAN BATTLE

Utah Piutes Now Negotiate for Surrender—No Further Fighting Today (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) DENVER, Colo., Feb. 26.—News advices from Bluff, Utah, today indicated there has been no further fighting between United States Nebraska's posse and the band of Piute Indians protecting Tee Ne Gat from arrest on the charge of murder. Negotiations for the surrender of the Indian are still going on, but with no indication as to the outcome.

War Rumors Cause Sensational Scenes in World's Greatest Grain Market

FRANTIC SCENES OF BROKERS IN DEALING

Joseph Leiter Says Farmers Have Been Selling Wheat For Less Than Cost

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Excitement over the war changes at Constantinople which seemed to imply an altering of the entire world supply and demand as to wheat, smashed prices today to a level of 14 1/2 cents below the values last Saturday. May options fell to \$1.46. The scenes in the wheat pit were the most frantic in years.

FARMERS ARE LOSERS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Joseph Leiter, the noted wheat operator, testified today at the state inquiry into increased cost of bread that American farmers have long been selling wheat for less than its cost. He said that farmers have nothing to say concerning what prices he shall receive for his product. This is usually done at the terminal markets or exchanges.

PROBE SUPPLIES FOR GERMAN SHIPS

New York Federal Grand Jury Investigates Alleged Violation of Neutrality

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Investigations of alleged violations of American neutrality were begun today by the Federal grand jury in the cases of the steamships Lorenzo, Berwind, Framm and Sommerstand, which, it is alleged, carried supplies from American ports to German warships in the Atlantic Ocean early in the war.

PAINT U. S. FLAG ON VESSEL SIDE

Illuminated Side as Protection Against Submarine Attack in the North Sea

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The steamship City of Savannah is to be loaded with cotton for Germany and as a protection against German submarines she has a big American flag painted on each side that will be illuminated at night.

THREE LIVES LOST

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Three members of the crew of the American steamer Carib lost their lives when the ship was sunk Tuesday in the North Sea probably by a mine. She went down off Borkum Island, at the mouth of the Ems River, and not near Helgoland as was presumed from the first announcement.

PHILIPPINE DAY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Soft melodies of the tropics played by the Philippines Constabulary band mingled with speeches and cheering at the dedication today of the Philippine's building in the Panama Pacific Exposition. The building is of quaint Spanish architecture of the island and embraces in its display a large collection of orchids.

Special Sermon.—R. P. Hutton, Supt. of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, will speak at the Baptist church on Sunday night on "How Oregon Went Dry." Everybody invited.

SAYS SEVEN OF ENGLISH FLEET HURT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Feb. 26.—(Wireless to Sayville) The Cologne Gazette published a message received from Montevideo, Uruguay, in which it is declared that seven British cruisers the lying at Falkland Islands, in the Southern Atlantic, severely damaged. The information was brought into Montevideo, the message says by officers of an Argentine steamer.

BELGIANS DEFEAT GERMAN FORCES

Regain Trenches They Lost Recently—French Claim Many Small Gains

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Feb. 26.—The official statement this afternoon says: "The Belgian army has retaken a small portion of the trenches which it lost temporarily. The British army repulsed in Belgium a German attack and also gained 100 meters on the Labasse road. In Champagne, we won some ground in the wood northwest of Perthes and north of Mesnil Les Hurlus. We made fresh progress in the Apremont forest. The Germans were subjected to heavy losses, abandoning various accoutrements and weapons."

SAYS CREW OF EVELYN SAFE

Minister Van Dyke Reports That Capt. Smith of Lost Vessel is at Bremen

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) AMSTERDAM, Feb. 26.—The Swedish steamer Svartorn, from Rotterdam, arrived today at Yumiden, Holland, with a large hole in her starboard bow. The vessel was damaged Thursday. The captain believed the injury was inflicted by a mine.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Minister Van Dyke at The Hague, cabled today that it was officially reported to him that the entire crew of the American steamer Evelyn, sunk by a mine, was safe at Bremen. The fate of Captain Smith and one boat load had been cloaked in mystery.

SAYS 1800 LOST ON ENGLISH SHIP

Germans Claim Heavy Loss of Lives on Transport That Was Torpedoed

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Feb. 26.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The Overseas News Agency today gave out a story that a newspaper of Milan declares the Llydy's Agency received a telegram from Eastbourne, in Sussex, to the effect that a British transport had gone down with 1800 men.

The foregoing dispatch is doubtless another reference to the reported torpedoing of a British transport by a German submarine.

ALLIES ANXIOUS ABOUT NEW DRIVE BY BY KAISER' ARMIES

FRENCH TORPEDO DESTROYER LOST

Thirty-eight of Crew Missing as Result of Striking Mine Near Antivari

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Feb. 26.—The official announcement today says: "The French torpedo boat destroyer Dague, while escorting a convoy with provisions for Montenegro, struck an Austrian mine off Antivari, Montenegro, on February 24th, and sank. Thirty-eight of the crew disappeared. The action did not hinder the finishing of the work of provisioning and the return of the convoy. The French cruiser Desaix made a demonstration against Akabah, Arabia, on February 23. The landing party put to flight a small band of Turks occupying the village."

DENY PASSPORTS GIVEN TO SPIES

German Embassy Naval Attache Accused in New York One Executed in London

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The Federal authorities today are investigating the statement of counsel for Richard P. Stegler, a German naval reservist arrested here Wednesday, that Captain Boy-Ed, naval attache of the German Embassy in Washington, had furnished an American passport to Carl Hans Lody, a German spy who was put to death in the Tower of London. In his general denial of Stegler's statement involving him, Boy-Ed referred to the allegation as "trash."

According to his Counsel, Stegler was to have gone to England to obtain information of the whereabouts of the English fleet, supposed to be in St. George's Channel. When he decided not to go a young German-American, whom Stegler did not know, was assigned to the perilous task and sailed on the Franconia with a bogus passport. The Franconia is due in Liverpool within a day or two.

RUSSIAN FORCE IS DRIVEN BACK

Claim Czar's Superior Force Was Compelled to Retire to North of Pruth

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) COLOGNE, Feb. 26.—After several days of fighting and in spite of great numerical superiority, the Russians were driven from Bojan, Bukovina, which they had strongly fortified, according to a Bucharest dispatch. The retreat did not end until they reached a point over 12 miles north of the Pruth River.

DROP BOMBS ON MONTEREY TODAY

Claim Carranza Has American Aeroplanes Attacking Villa Garrison There

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—Public and private buildings in Monterey, Mexico, were targets today for two American aeroplane pilots operating with Pablo Gonzales, the Carranza leader who is now attacking the city. According to a dispatch to the Carranza representatives, the aeroplanes, after reconnoitering the lines of the Villa garrison, began dropping bombs.

Meet Tonight.—The B. Y. P. U. will hold a business meeting and social this evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Bassford.

English Think Assault Will be in France and Russia Thinks Warsaw Objective

RUSSIANS BEATEN BY TURKS IN FAR SOUTH

Austrians Claim Russians Defeated in Bukovina—Conflicting Reports Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Feb. 26.—(Wireless to Sayville)—"Nothing important occurred in either theater of war," the German official report announced today.

GERMAN REPORT BRIEF

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 26.—From Constantinople is announced a victory by the Turks over the Russians in the Trans-Caucasus. It is said that after a battle of several days, the Russians were put to flight, having suffered heavy losses.

London, Paris and Berlin statements today show there has been no important changes on the main battle fields of the West or East. In London, the opinion is growing that the Germans plan soon to make a great general attack in France, remaining on the defensive in Poland, Petrograd on the other hand, fully expects another German drive at Warsaw, this time from the North.

The Russians claim successes along the Warsaw front and in Galicia in which regions it is said important positions were captured from the Austrians and Germans. A newspaper dispatch says the Russians suffered another reverse in Bukovina and their final opposition there has been shattered.

Fighting between Austria and Montenegro, which has been at a standstill during the mid winter months, has been resumed. The Austrians attack on the Montenegrin column in Bosnia was repulsed.

BOMBARD FORTS AT DARDANELLES

Turks Claim Allies' Fleet Damaged and Repulsed—Allies Claim Different

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 26.—The official statement today says: "Ten big armored vessels February 25th again bombarded Turkish forts at the Dardanelles for a period of seven and one-half hours. At the conclusion of this operation they retired in the direction of the island of Tenedos. One ship of the Agamemnon type and two other armored vessels were damaged by the fire from the forts on the Asiatic side of the straits."

ALLIES' CLAIMS DIFFER

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 26.—It was announced in London last night that all the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles had been reduced by the fleets of Great Britain and France, with a naval force estimated at more than thirty vessels. The English announcement made no mention of losses of either vessels or men. They described the operations as successful and said they were continuing. The Dardanelles is the key to Constantinople and the effort to force them has been going on since the middle of December.

Presbyterian Auxiliary COOKED FOOD SALE at PERRY & NICHOLSON'S STORE tomorrow afternoon.

"The Struggle for Life" is the subject of Mr. Haugan's Norwegian lecture at the Finnish Hall next Sunday afternoon. He leaves it to the historians to discuss the past, to the theologians to prophesy for the future, and lectures on the struggles and hopes of the present day as they appear now.