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ALLIES FLEETS DESTROY FORTS

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ERRETT'S HEARING ADJOURNED England to Soon Reply to

ve Witnesses Testified Concerning Bunker Hill Arson Charges

NEW WITNESSES FOR STATE DESIRED

eavor to Connect Garage re With Destruction of **Boarding House**

ter examining 12 witnesses the g of Charles Skerrett, chargthe coroner's jury with arson. postponed until one o'clock on ay afternoon on motion of Pros-Attorney Liljeqvist who dethe state now seeks two witthat can not be located. . eral times there were wordy

C. F. McKnight, the interrupting and asking the

king Parlors was filled early morning and dozens stood dur-McInturff, at a long table.

k on the evening of the fire Skerrett.

my door," he continued. "From on I was so busy getting my the second floor.

ly for four years," said Mr. A description was given of the ling. It was a frame structure

ow long have you lived in this two in the long halls, one in the " asked Mr. McKnight. Sevtimes the word "shack" was used

Had Trouble With Fuses

at there had been trouble with during the two weeks previous e fire was Mr. Craigs statement. D. Willetts, janitor and later ss, testified the wiring sagged was in poor condition.

don't believe any architect have designed a better fire he volunteered as he left the

Had Warrant for Arrest

ul Zeilkie, associate of Charles minating."

he dismissing of the complaint occupants was able to swing down mere subterfuge," declared Mr. from the third floor window and

le objection was over ruled and the defence, "I object."

he witness told of coming home lower floor, in the north end he building, and leaving there for upstairs about 1:30 a. m. There no trace of smoke.

Skerrett Smelled Smoke But Skerrett said to me 'Paul I ve I smell smoke." ".

eilkie was shown a copy of the ing building. plaint that had been drawn up said he knew nothing about the devise for fire escape purposes.

h end of the building when he night of the fire and the three (Continued on Page Four.)

FINAL REPORT ON BUNKER HILL FIRE

Coroner's Jury Finds Boarding House Was Deficient in Fire Escapes

The final report of the Coroner's jury on the Banker Hill Boarding House fire in which seven lives were lost was made today and is as fol-

paneled and sworn to investigate the causes of death of the victims in between Prosecuting Attorney the burning of the boarding house of the C. A. Smith Lumber and that there is contraband in the cargo tude on the issue is already known at Sedd El Bahr. Some hundreds begun attacks. In East Galicia, at Manufacturing Company on February 17, 1915, make this our supplemental report in the matter of the fire protection of said building and do find and recommend as follows:

That the said building was a three-story, ell-shaped building, the the hearing, most of them re- main part of the building being ing until the hearing was con- about 100x30 feet in dimension with d. Charles Skerrett, well dressed an all about 40x30 feet in dimenblack suit, was seated with his sion. The first floor contains a dinneys, C. F. McKnight and Graves ing room, kitchen, and the living rge W. Craig was the first family, who was the lessee of the of the now defunct Cashier Coms called to the stand. He tes- building. The first floor of the pany of this city in an indictment that he had gone through the building contained the lobby, two returned against them by the Fedding house shortly after nine bath rooms and the room of H. C. eral grand jury today. The indict-

The second floor contained 22 was awakened by Skerrett com- bed rooms, lobby and toilet.

out that I don't even know The building was built entirely vice it proposed to manufacture, the fire was worst or how of wood and had been constructed it took the building to burn." about six years. It appeared that Knew Skerrett Had Money this building was of a temporary character and was built to meet ett had money. He had seen a the immediate necessity of caring bill a few days previous to the for the employees in the early con-"I lost about \$315 in bills," he struction and operation of the Smith nued. Skerrett gave him \$50 the Mill. The building was properly wired and insulated as testified to

The building was equipped with 14 fire extinguishers located as follows: One on the first floor, two in the lobby, two in the dining room and one in the kitchen. On

lobbies, one in the short halls, The only fire escape, attached to him in referring to the the building, was a wooden ladder structure at the south end of the firms the report published in The building extending from the roof to near the ground, Doors opened from electric light fuses in the build- the ends of the long halls on the second and third floors to this fire the stand as there was hot compeescape. All of the rooms in the main part of the building opened Golden, W. J. Rust, F. L. Sumner, upon these long halls. The short Geo N. Bolt and others for the halls were in the ell part of the building and there was a connected passage way from the short halls to the long halls by crossing the there was an unobstructed passage way from the door of every lodging morrow from San Francisco. He 400 miles. At the end of the tenth sister of the Sultan of Turkey, She

open lobbies. To this fire escape room in the building, in addition ett, came to the stand, but the to the fire escape constructed at question of the prosecution was the south end of the building and rupted by Mr. McKnight. "Your the stair way through the lobbles er, the state has not had the on the north were natural fire esto arrest this man and now capes presented by the roof of the summon him as a witness. A porch, extending across the whole fant was issed for his arrest; it north side of the building, upon drawn this morning. The witness which all occupants of rooms on not need to answer these ques- that side of the building on the secon the ground that he may be ond floor might step out and arrested and these would prove thence descend to the ground. Likewise to this porch roof one of the

thence escape. On the west side of the building as preceded in each answer by kitchen which aided several of the a question, but it would not be a e was told to answer though was a small porch roof over the occupants of the building in making their escape. Likewise on the east visiting the room of Skerrett on side of the main building was a water tank in the fork of the build- ing, with a ladder on the side thereof and running southerly from said water tank was a narrow porch roof connecting with the roof of a storage leanto all of which materially aided many of the occupants in

making their escape from the burn-The building was not provided ging him with arson and which with any knotted ropes as fire esbeen cancelled before serving, capes, or with any other similar

There were fourteen occupants of hat the fire was burning in the rooms on the third floor on the

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U. S. Proposal About Shipping

WILSON FIRM AGAINST ANY SHIP DELAYS Declare That Great Britain

[By Associated Press to Coss Bay Times.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.-Behind the Federal grand jury investigation in progress here to determine if

million-dollar swindle is charged apartments of Geo. A. Craig and against the officers and salesmen ment charges conspiracy and misuse of the mails, selling over a million dollars worth of stock on false rep-The third floor was similar to resentations that the company owned patents to a cash changing de-

Appointment Made by President Wilson Today-Mc-Lain III in Eugene Now

[By Associated Press to Coos Day Times.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27 .the second and third floors, each, Hugh P. McLain was nominated today by President Wilson for Postmaster at Marshfield.

> The above message simply con-Times some time ago that Senators Lane and Chamberlain had decided to appoint Mr. McLain. They took tition between Thomas Coke, F. A. place that to appoint any of them would start political trouble.

will accept the appointment. Due Home Sunday

telephoned from Eugene to Mrs. lap, Resta was leading, followed by was born in 1843. McLain saying that he had been Ruckstell, Alley, Hughes and De sick, but would be able to come Faima. Resta's average was 68 home tomorrow via Florence.

W. B. Curtis, who holds the of-was to retire March 1, but as the . MISS HORBS QUITS change can hardly be arranged that . quickly, he will probably serve until about April I when Mr. McLain . will assume the post.

Mr. McLain has his contracting . and fuel business in such a way that | he can continue it. his son Leo, and partner, Fred McLean, being . in charge of it.

Whom he will appoint deputy is . per, the present deputy, in that capacity.

CLAIM RUSSIANS CHECKED AUSTRIANS

[By Associated Press to Colo Bay Times.] LONDON, Peb. 27.-The Austrian advance in Eastern Calicia has been checked and the Russians have recaptured Staniglau and Kolomea, says

a newspaper disputch from

MRS, A. G. AIKEN will OPEN expects to leave for his home at | for a penny for about three her SPRING MILLINERY, WED., Marshfield late this week .- Rose- . years. MARCH 3RD.

Some British Cabinet Members Insistent on Reprisals For German Acts

FRANCE OPPOSED TO **ENGLISH CONCESSIONS**

Must Not Remove Food Embargo From Germany

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.

any belligerent power on suspicion The German government's atti- treated out of range of our batteries appeared in Northern Poland and

FRANCE IS OPPOSED.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 27.-A Declare England Must Not Raise Embargo Against Germany. [By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

> PARIS, Feb. 27.—The French press is unanimous in declaring that Great Britain cannot accept the informal proposals, said to have been made by the United States, that the embargo on foodstuffs for Germany be raised, provided Germany abandons the destruction of merchant ships. The papers, however, express appreciation of the spirit in which the proposals are made.

Averages 80 Miles on First Ten Laps—Thirty Starters in Great Auto Contest

RAIN DELAYS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27 -On the 44th lay, Hughes, . who had taken the lead, was * stopped by engine trouble . and Resta again forged zhead. Wilcox, Alley and Dishrow followed in order. A . light rain fell, causing the . cars to slow up the pace. .

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27. It is expected that Mr. McLain With 30 starters, the Grand Prix auto race began at 10:30 on the miles an hour.

JOB AT SALEM

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27 .-Governor Withycombe today accepted the resignation of Miss Fern Hobbs as a member of the State Industrial Commission, Miss Hobb's offer to resign recently broke the deadlock between the House and Senate on the Workmen's Compensation bill, her action causing the Senate to cease its opposition trial Accident Commission

WHITE CEDAR MOTH PROOF CLOTHES HANGERS FOR SALE · AT JAY DOYLE'S PIMCE

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of three members.

SHERIDAN TO RETURN

T. R. Sheridan, who was called here as a witness in the several cases filed against the First National Bank. . 1. This paper has been sold . burg Review.

TURKS DENY **DARDANELLES VICTORIES**

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 27 .-An official announcement today says -Indications of the British govern- "After being subjected for seven there has been a systematic viola- ment's attitude toward the American hours last Wednesday to a bombardtion of the American neutrality and government's proposals to Great ment by heavy guns, the outer forts to crumple both ends of the long customs laws, there was said today Britain and Germany for the remov- of the Dardanelles were damaged at Russian front, it is reported today, to lie the determination by the al of dangers to neutral shipping, some points, but we had only five have been checked. Petrograd states We, the Coroner's jury duly im- United States government to make officials here thought would be killed and fourteen wounded. The the German drive at Warsaw from effective its stand against the de-tention of an American vessel by an answer is expected in a few days. Hence the control of the North has been countered. Ber-lin says new Russian forces have to be favorable to making conces- of soldiers who landed from the the other end of the front, the Russions and supplying a basis for ne- French cruisers on the coast at sians claim the recapture of Stangotiations between the nations in- Akabah, Arabia, were compelled to Islau, volved. Some British cabinet mem- flee after a two hours' battle. Debers hold reprisals are necessary in spite the severity of the cannonadretaliation for Germany's submarine ing and machine gun fire, we had only three killed and three wounded.

ROBBER IS SLAIN

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.-Discovering three burglars robbing the stores of Joseph Gooding at St. Paul early today, Daniel Girdle opened fire with a rifle and killed an unidentified member of the trio. James Grady and Frank Undermyer were later arrested. The former had plunder on him, it is alleged.

SESSION GIVEN UP

President Wilson Will Let Nicaraguan and Columbian Treaties Rest.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27 .-President Wilson has practically decided not to call a special session of the Senate to consider the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaty. At the White House today it was said that while the question was still called.

SULTAN'S SISTER DEAD

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] AMSTERDAM, Feb. 27 .- A Con-Panama-Pacific course before an stantinople dispatch relates the of which were seriously burned. A Premier Salandra, "but if this Mr. McLain will arrive home to- immense crowd. The distance is death of Djemile Sultana, the eldest

WESTERN PACIFIC

Denver & Rio Grande Claims NEW ATTACKS BY Interest Payments

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] NEW YORK, Feb. 27.-Application for a receiver for the Western Pacific Railroad will be made after the railway defaults interest on its

first mortgage bonds March 1, ac-. cording to an announcement of the directors of the Denver & Rio against retaining the Indus- . Grande, which controls the Western Pacific. The proceedings are of a friendly nature.

HAISE PAPER PRICE

SEATTLE, Feb. 26 .- The Post-Intelligencer, now sold at a cent a copy, announces . an increase of its price to two cents, beginning March

Petrograd and Berlin Reports Indicate German Advance Stopped Again

[By Associated Press to Cues Bay Times.] LONDON, Feb. 27-The efforts of the German and Austrian armies

tically at a standstill. The French report the loss of a trench as a result of the German's spraying it

IN SALEM STORE ENGLISH VESSEL

French Torpedo Destroyer Sent to Assist Damaged Ship in Channel

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] boat destroyer left here to assist.

PUT BURNING OIL

Germans Cause Allies to Re- Vehement Protests cede After Burning Many Soldiers-French Report

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

PARIS, Feb. 27 .- The official statement this afternoon says: "Our under consideration there was little artillery in the Argonne exploded in the Chamber of Deputies yesterprospect of a special session being an ammunition depot near St. Hu- day by extremists because of the bert. In a wood near Melincourt, instructions given to prefects to probetween the Argonne and the Meuse, hibit meetings if there is a reason the enemy again sprayed one of of to believe they would result in disadvanced trenches with a burning orders. liquid, necessitating the abandonment of the trench, the occupants counter attack immediately checked

the Germans. "In the region of Verdun, and the Heights of the Meuse, our heavy artillery wrecked some German guns, exploded the ammunition wagons, annihilated detachments and destroyed an entire camp. In Bois Brul, a battle continues to our advantage."

Berlin Tells of Gains-Fighting in France-New Russian Attacks

[By Associated Press to Cook Bay Times.] BERLIN, Feb. 27 .- (Wireless to Sayville.)-The official statement today says: "In Champagne yesterday and last night were renewed strong French attacks. The fighting in some places still continues. Otherwise the attacks were repulsed. North of Verdus, the Germans attacked a portion of the French position. The fighting still con-

"In the East, northeast of Grodno, west of Lomza and south of land last Sunday. Przasnysz, new Russian forces have appeared and began attacks. On Russlaus were captured."

French and English Battleships Penetrate Entrance Fourteen Miles

BEGIN SHELLING INNER FORTS OF WATERWAY

Forts at Entrance to Straits Crumpled-Opens Way to Constantinople

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KAISER HONORS VON HINDENBURG

BERLIN, Feb. 27. - Emperor William has conferred the decoration of the Pour la Merite order upon Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in recognition of his overwhelming victories over the Russians in the East.

[By Associated Press to Com Bay Times.]

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ATHENS, Feb. 27.-The allied fleet, aggregating 40 warships, towith burning oil. Berlin reports day penetrated the Dardanelles the repulse of the French north Straits as far as Hortari and within range of Fort Intepe on the Asiatic side, according to reliable information. Fort Intepe was destroyed. Various Turkish encampments were also bombarded, Ships are now within range of Fort Dardanelles. The French squadron is cruising under the forts at the entrance to the straits which are now entirely dismantled.

SHELL INNER FORTS

(By Associated Press to Coos buy Times.) PARIS, Feb. 27 .- The Athens correspondent of Le Matin forwarded the following: "After the DIEPPE, France, Feb. 27 .- It is complete destruction of the forts at reported here that a British mer- the entrance to the Dardanelles, the chant ship has been torpedoed in Allied fleet penetrated the straits the English channel off Saint Val- and shelled the interior forts. It ery Sur Somme. A French torpedo proceeded down the Dardanelles, 14 miles from the entrance."

IN FRENCH TRENCH OF WAR DISCUSSION

Against Order to Prohibit Public Meetings

thy Associated Press to Coos Bay Times. I

ROME, Reb. 27 .- Vehement attacks on the government were made

"I do not know whether our nation is destined to make war," said should be the case, we must all unanimously obey the orders of the Fatherland and the King."

AVIATUKS RENEW ATTACKS IN EAST

French and German Aeronauts Busy Along Battle Line-Rescue Aviators

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Feb. 27 .- A squadron of German aeroplanes bombarded the district behind Nieuport. Only two casualties were reported. French aviators dropped three bombs on the German barracks at Metz.

AVIATORS IN SEA. British Trawler Rescues Two German Acronauts Today

By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times. LOWESTLOFT, England, Feb. 27. -Two German aviators, who for two days have been clinging to a machine in the North Sea, were landed here today by a British trawler, which rescued them. The Germans met with an accident while trying to fly from Ostend to Eng-

MRS. A. G. AIKEN WILL OPEN the Skrodna, south of Kolno, 1100 her SPRING MILLINERY, WED., MARCH SED.