ADVICE WILL OFTEN RELIEVE THE GIVER MORE THAN IT HELPS THE RECIPIENT

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TOM HALL IS FATALLY SHOT

Rifle Bullet Enters His Throat Shattering Face—Lived Two Hours at Hospital

HAD CLEANED GUN

Tragedy Occurs on Back Porch Commercial Street Home Last Evening at Sundown

READY FOR FISHING TRIP

Was Native of Oregon and Spent Practically Whole Life in Coos County—Studied Law When in Customs Office

NO INQUEST

Coroner Fred Wilson stated today that he would not hold an inquest as there was no evidence to present. There were no eye witnesses and the Coroner will make a report that Mr. Hall came to his death by a gun-shot wound inflicted by himself accidentally.

J. Tom Hall died at the Mercy hospital at nine o'clock last night as the result of a bullet wound received two hours earlier on the back porch of his residence, West Commercial street. Members of his family state they do not know whether the shot was accidental or was done on purpose. The bullet entered the neck in front and, traveling upward, severed the tongue and shattered the jaw.

Always used to handling firearms since the time he was a small boy on his father's farm on Camas

ATTORNEY J. T. HALL

Prairie, J. Tom Hall was used to taking his rifle and stepping to the back porch of his residence where he would often fire at objects in Buckingham's pond on the north arm of the Mill slough.

He had planned on a two days' fishing trip up the Coos River today, near the hatchery, and it is presumed he expected to take his gun with him. About seven o'clock the members of the family say that he took the gun out onto the porch and fired once across the pond. He then came back into the house and went upstairs. Half-an-hour later Mr. Hall came down and went to the rear of the house. A moment later the fatal shot was fired.

Immediately Dr. Mingus responded and the wounded man was taken to the Mercy hospital. He failed to regain consciousness.

Shot Gun Before.

Capt. Alex Hall, of the ferry Transit, a brother of Tom Hall, last evening was just going home, to supper, when, as he was passing the Tom Hall home, he heard a rifle shot. He saw Tom around the house and he asked him if he had hit the mark. The latter laughingly retorted that he had missed. Tom Hall had been accustomed to take his rifle out occasionally and fire one shot and then clean it up. He was particular about keeping his .38-calibre gun in good shape. This was about an hour before the fatal shot was fired.

Native of Oregon

James Thomas Hall was born in Polk County, Oregon, January 2, 1859, and moved with his parents to Yaquina Bay in 1862, returned with them in 1864, moved to Douglas County in 1868 and to Coos

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L. J. SIMPSON HERE

WILL SAY NOTHING DEFINITE ON MILL OPENING

North Bend Mayor With Captain Edgar Simpson Arrive Home—Come to Look Over Situation

Mayor L. J. Simpson of North Bend and Captain Edgar Simpson returned last night overland from San Francisco where they were called several weeks ago on the death of their father, Captain Simpson. They were accompanied by L. G. Shepherd, director of the Simpson Lumber Co. and manager of the Sacramento end of the business, and Stanley Beddar, accountant of the company. Mrs. L. J. Simpson will not return until the next arrival of the Nann Smith. The party went to Shore Acres last night.

When asked today what the Simpson Lumber company expects to do Mr. Simpson stated that he had nothing definite to say, and will not have for three or four days. He could not state that there is any chance now for the Porter Mill to open up.

There are several hundred thousand feet of white cedar logs in the booms at Old Town. It has been expected that these were brought there, most of them from the Tar Heel camp which is now closed, with the idea of starting up the Porter Mill. Mayor Simpson would **make no statement to this effect,** nor would he mention anything regarding Mr. Arkley, who came here a few days ago and who is said to be the new manager of the Simpson Lumber company on Coos Bay.

"We are here to look over the situation. I have nothing to say now about starting the mill," he said. "We want to wait for a few days yet and look around."

He was asked if there is anything to the rumor that the lumber company is to be sold. Mr. Simpson asked to be excused from answering the question, saying that his statement will be made later.

"The lumber market," he says, "has improved very little over its condition six months ago and at the present time the future outlook is not an optimistic one. However, the Swayne and Hoyt company declares that there is an opening in the market and it is said that they are now refusing many orders for the reason they expect a big increase in the market and better prices to prevail.

Courtney Mill to Open

It is known that new belting and small bits of machinery have been received lately for the old Courtney mill on Isthmus Inlet and the word here is that the mill is to resume operations within thirty days. It has a daily capacity of about 70,000 feet. The mill is now owned principally by E. O. Samuels and George E. Houck, both of Portland, and is known as the Coos Bay Lumber and Milling company. Both men are now on the Bay and have been for several days.

Exhibit is Good

The Coos and Curry Counties exhibit at the Exposition is the best in the Oregon building said L. J. Simpson this morning. While in San Francisco he made several trips to the building and later recommendations to the Chamber of Commerce here and in North Bend.

ENGINEER HOUD IS HERE TODAY

DEPARTMENT HEAD OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC IN THE CITY

Says He is Only On An Ordinary Business Trip With No Particular Significance

Chief Engineer Hood of the Southern Pacific arrived in the city about 4 o'clock this afternoon and is a guest at the Chandler hotel. Mr. Hood said that he was here on an ordinary business trip and that there was nothing very special he could say about his trip at this time.

Mr. Hood came in overland on the route of the new railroad.

Launch Millicoma leaves 5:30 next Sunday morning for Allegany, returning Sunday evening.

FRENCH CRUISER IS DESTROYED

Austrian Submarine Sends the Lear Gambetta to the Bottom With Loss of Life

SAVE PART OF CREW

Was Built Twelve Years Ago at a Cost of Over Five Million Dollars

ABOUT 800 MEN ON BOARD

Vessel Was Equipped With Many Guns of Different Sizes and Torpedo Tubes—Crew Numbered 700 or 800 Men

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

BERLIN, (Wireless Sayville) April 28.—The French armored cruiser Leon Gambetta has been torpedoed by an Austrian submarine, according to the news received by the Overseas News Agency. Part of the crew of the French war ship were saved.

The Leon Gambetta was equipped with four 7.6 inch guns, sixteen 6.4 inch guns, twenty-four 3 pounders and five 18 inch torpedo tubes. The crew numbered 700 or 800. She was built in 1903, costing $5,880,000 and was 448 feet long, 70 1-4 feet beam with a 26 1-2 mean draft. Her speed was twenty-three knots. She was a sistership of the "Victor Hugo" and the "Jules Ferry."

ALL OFFICERS PERISH

PARIS, April 28.—A ministry of marine communication says "Armored cruiser Leon Gambetta, cruising at the entrance of the Otranto canal, was torpedoed Monday night and went to the bottom in ten minutes. All the officers on board perished at their ports. One hundred and thirty-six members of the crew including eleven officers were rescued by vessels sent out promptly to help by the Italian authorities."

ANOTHER REPORT

BRINDISI, Italy, April 28.—The French cruiser Leon Gambetta was torpedoed by the Austrian submarine U-6 in the strait of Otranto, a waterway leading to the Adriatic. According to one report she was run ashore but it was feared she would float away on the next tide. The submarine came from Cattaro, about 300 miles away.

OLD PIONEER DIES

MRS. JAMES CATCHING PASSES AWAY AT HER HOME

Husband Was One of the Earliest Settlers in This County and Both Widely Known

Mrs. Pattsy Catching, a pioneer of Coos County, died last evening at her home near Sumner. Old age and a general breaking down in health was the cause. Mrs. Catching was the widow of James Catching who died ten years ago. She is survived by a son, J. W. Catching, who lives near Sumner, and two daughters, Mrs. Geo. Norris, of Fairview and another in Arizona.

Mrs. Catching's maiden name was Pattsy E. Russell. She was born May 20, 1846, in Lincoln County, Mo. Her late husband was one of the Marple party that came to Coos County in 1857 but he did not decide to locate her permanently until 1871.

The time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon.

LEAVE FOR HAWAII

C. A. Smith and Family Making Trip to Honolulu

C. A. Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Smith, and two daughters, Misses Adeline and Myrtle Smith sailed last week for Honolulu. They will probably be away about six weeks during which time they will visit the points of interest in Hawaii.

SENT OUT OF TOWN

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Ore., April 28.—A man named Spiker was driven out of town last night at the point of a gun by Glen Shores. It is said that Shores declared Spiker had offered an insult to his wife and he made the man leave.

GERMAN FLEET IN NORTH SEA

Kaiser's Vessels are Out of Hiding and May be Preparing for Action

REPORT IN LONDON

Captain of Norwegian Relief Ship Held Up by Battleships But Allowed to Proceed

SAW 68 VESSELS IN FLEET

Comprise All Kinds of Fighting Boats From Battleships to Small Torpedo Boats

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, April 28.—Captain Scott, commanding a Norwegian steamer chartered by the Belgian relief commission, reports the presence in the North sea of a German fleet numbering no less than 68 vessels all told. Scott, whose vessel has just come into port, reports that while crossing the North sea he was held up by one of these German war ships. After examination of his papers he was permitted to proceed. The German fleet is composed of ships of all classes, from battleships to torpedo boats.

TO STUDY FORESTS

SECRETARY HOUSTON WILL MAKE TRIP THROUGH WEST

To Avoid Large Cities and Will Visit Places Off the Beaten Track

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—Secretary Houston started West today to visit National forests and to observe to what extent their timber, forage, grazing and water power resources are being developed for the public under the present methods and to make a study of the administrative problems of the forest service. In order to have time to reach places off the beaten tracks of travel, he will for the most port avoid stops at the important cities.

MUST BUY LAND

COQUILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT LOSES SUIT

Barrow and Strang Secure Jury Verdict for $6,000 in Case That Has Disrupted City

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, April 28.—The entire town is much wrought up today over a verdict returned by the grand jury last night deciding the Barrow and Strang case against the city in favor of the former, awarding them not only the original price voted for the land but interest and costs, amounting in all to about $6,000.

This concludes the case that for two years has split the town wide open and into two factions.

In March in 1913 the school district voted on four tracts of land, the majority favoring the Barrow-Strang tract but the contract was not closed before the election of two new directors in June, 1913. An injunction was gotten out to enjoin the school bonds from entering into a contract. The claim was made that one of the board was illegally elected.

The court dismissed the injunction. A move was made to oust Director Skeels and he was put out of office. The man elected in his place was against the tract, it was claimed and the board turned down the contract.

C. P. Barrow and Z. C. Strang then claimed the old board had entered into the contract and sued for the purchase price, $6,000, and Peck and Peck were retained as counsel.

Evidence of a bitter nature was brought out, alleging "shadowy political moves and neighborhood jealousies."

The Grand Jury today is still investigating the Russell case. Every scrap of evidence obtainable is being gone over by the jurymen behind closed doors.

Times want ads bring results.

THREE BATTLES IN PROGRESS

Different Operations Under Way at Seat of War; Are All of Critical Importance

NOTHING DECISIVE

Struggle Continues in Flanders and Russians Trying to Force Way Through Carpathians

FORCES INVADING TURKEY

Constantinople Reports Repulsing Allies' Land Forces, But Does Not Claim Entire Success

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, April 28.—Military operations of critical importance are now under way simultaneously in three distinct fields of action. In Flanders the Germans once more are engaged with the British Belgians and French in a struggle for mastery of the territory near the Yser canal.

In the Carpathians the Russians are again assuming the offensive in another of their repeated efforts to push over the mountain barrier and into Hungary. The situation in the Dardanelles remains obscure, although it is apparent the French and British have made some headway with the landing operations.

Paris claims the capture of Kim Kaleh on the Asiatic side.

Constantinople, although reporting a repulse of the landing forces in some cases, does not claim success in every intance.

DIFFERENT STORIES

There is again a sharp disparity between German and French accounts of what happened in Flanders. Berlin says the British efforts to recover lost ground have failed. Paris asserts that further progress was made in the Ypres district. The French announcement of yesterday that Hartmans Weilerkopf was recaptured by the French is denied in Berlin. A new German attack on a large scale was inaugurated in Russian Poland, marking the resumption of hostilities after a long lull. Berlin says the Germans captured the Russian positions in the vicinity of Sulwalki over a front of 12 miles.

FLOODS SERIOUS

MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE IN TEXAS

Reports Today Indicate Worst is Over But Many Streams Are Still Out of the Banks

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

HOUSTON, Tex., April 28.—Central and south flood conditions are improved today, strengthening the belief that the worst is over, although all trans-state streams are out of their banks at many points and the damage is continuing. At Fort Worth there was a new rise in the west fork and big gangs of men are at work strengthening the levees.

OFFICER HONORED

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, April 28.—The King has granted the Victoria Cross to Commander Henry Peel Ritchie, of the Royal Navy, for the following "conspicuous act of bravery."

"On November 28, when in command of the searching and demolition operations at Dar-es-Salaam, East Africa, though severely wounded several times, his fortitude and resolution enabled him to continue to do his duty, inspiring all by his example, until at his eighth wound he became unconscious. The interval between his first and last severe wound was twenty-five minutes."

MANILA WARSHIP QUARANTINE DUTY

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—The gunboat Concord, one of the Manila battle fleet, has been turned over to the Treasury Department for quarantine ship in Puget Sound.

FRENCH REPULSED

SUCH IS CLAIM MADE IN GERMAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

British Fail to Recover Lost Ground in Flanders and Russians Are Defeated

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

BERLIN, April 28.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The official report today says:

"The British attempts to reconquest lost ground in Flanders all have failed. In Champagne, north of Le Mesnil, the Germans stormed the extended French entrenchments. French attacks in Le Pretre were **repulsed. Against Hartmanns-Weilerkopf,** which the Germans hold, there have been no new French attacks. Northeast and east of Suwalki, in Russian Poland, the Germans conquered the Russian positions along a front of 12 miles."

ALLIES TAKE GUNS

MUCH WAR MATERIAL IS SEIZED FROM GERMANS

Several Hundred Prisoners Captured According to the French Official Statement Made Today.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

PARIS, April 28.—The official statement this afternoon says:

"North of Ypres we continued to make progress. This was particularly so on our left, where we took six machine guns, two bomb throwers and much war material and at the same time making several hundred prisoners. At a single point on the front not far from the canal we counted over 600 bodies of German soldiers. On the Meuse Heights along the front of Les Eparges and Saint Remy we advanced about two-thirds of a mile, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and destroying the German battery."

DESTROY RAILWAY

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—Zapata forces operating behind General Obregon at Celaya have cut his rail and wire communications and destroyed part of the railway between the capital and Vera Cruz. Duval West, President Wilson's personal representative was held up on the train and delayed by a break.

WILL URGE WATER POWER BILL AGAIN

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—Secretary of the Interior Lane announced today that the water power leasing bill which failed in the last Congress, would be reintroduced and pressed as an administration measure in the coming Congress. The bill is of tremendous interest to the West.

In an announcement, Secretary Lane pointed to reports of consolidations of power companies in Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Washington which would place 50 per cent of the developed water power of western states under single control, as an added reason why the administration bill should be quickly passed to safeguard public interest of the present and future.

GET CHINESE GOODS

U. S. CRUISER DEMANDS CARRANZA RETURN GOODS

Allege That Mexican Officials at Manzanillo Are Guilty of Unlawful Confiscation

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

ON BOARD U. S. S. COLORADO, Off Mulege, Lower California, April 28.(—Wireless.)—The United States cruiser Raleigh has demanded the return of merchandise alleged to have been unlawfully confiscated from the Chinese by Carranza authorities at Manzanillo, Mexico.

HONOR JACKSON

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WESTON, W. Va., April 28.—The farm near here on which General "Stonewall" Jackson was reared is to be transferred into a public park it was announced today. It has been named "Stonewall Jackson Park."

TURKS DEFEAT ALLIED FORCES

Attempt to Land Troops to Attack the Dardanelles Result in Crushing Repulse

REPORT IN BERLIN

It is Stated Eight Thousand Driven Back to Sea Off Turkish Soil

PRISONERS NUMBER 16,000

Few Particulars Given But Indications are Attempt of British and French Forces Was Failure

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

BERLIN, April 28.—Halil Bey, former president of the Turkish parliament, who is now in Berlin, received a telegram from Constantinople stating that eight thousand French and British soldiers have been driven to sea and twelve thousand have been captured by the Turks as the result of the attempt of the allies to land forces to attack the Dardanelles fortifications.

BATTLE UNDECIDED

RUSSIAN AND AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES IN DEATH STRUGGLE

Have Been Fighting for Five Days and No Signs Now of Stopping the Battle

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

PETROGRAD, April 28.—A battle between the Russian and the Austro-German armies in the vicinity of Stry, in the Carpathians, has entered the fifth day with no signs of diminishing and the outcome is still undecided. The fighting is progressing in the narrow mountain defiles and there is little opportunity for carrying out maneuvers. An exceedingly strong Austro-German force is daily receiving reinforcements.

ELECTIONS NON-PARTISAN

Governor of California Signs Bills Providing New Plan

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 28.—Four bills establishing non-partisan state elections in California were signed today by Governor Johnson. Under them no candidate for political office in California will carry a party label except for representative in Congress and United States Senator.

SIUSLAW FRUIT CANNERY

FLORENCE, Or., April 28.—Glenada residents have subscribed $3000 stock towards erecting a fruit cannery there to serve the lower Siuslaw fruit growers. J. O. Holt, of the Eugene cannery, is assisting them organize.

WOULD END WAR

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Appeals for ending the European war were voiced today at a meeting of women at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, held to mark the assembling of delegates at the women's peace congress at The Hague.

IS PAROLED

One of Men in Dynamite Case is Given His Release

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., April 28.—Henry W. Legleitner of Pittsburgh serving three years for complicity in the dynamite conspiracy cases was paroled from the federal prison today. He has tuberculosis.

ELKS NOTICE

The Elks will give their regular monthly dance Wednesday evening in the Masonic Hall. All regular and visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

—By order of the Committee

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