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EXPECT GERMAN DRIVE IN EAST

Claim That Scene of Activities Will Soon be Shifted From Russian Front to France

KAISER IS CLEARED

Last Enveloping Movement in South Believed to Mark Finish of Campaign

AUSTRIA FREED OF ENEMY

Autonomous Force Being Massed on Romanian Frontier. Russia Will Have to Fall Back Again—Many Artillery Duels in Progress.

KAISER AT FRONT

BERLIN, Aug. 29.—Developments are expected to follow the return to Berlin of the Chancellor, Admiral Von Tirpitz and other participants in a conference with the German Emperor at his headquarters on the Eastern front.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Reports from the East indicate that the Austrians and Germans are engaged in effort to clear the last corner Galicia still held by their opponents has excited great interest.

Having lost Brest Litovsk, the Austrians cannot afford to hold the river positions in the south in the face of the important movement, it is to do so would endanger their position.

The opinion is ventured by some English critics that this latest move may conclude for the present the most offensive against the Russians, which has been in progress since May, and once Austrian soil is cleared of invaders, a new campaign may be undertaken in the East.

In support of this theory is cited a report that the Tenth Army is massing troops near the Rumanian border.

In the West, violent and almost continuous artillery duels are on the way from the North Sea to the Vosges.

AFTER GROUND NOW

GERMANS CLAIM THAT THEY ARE CLOSING IN ON FORTRESS

Phone Capture of Town Twenty Miles From There—Last of Russ Strongholds

BERLIN, Aug. 29.—German forces made a further advance on the Russian fortress Grodno the only one their fortified positions near the German border which still remains in their possession. Official announcement was made today of the capture of Ljisk, 20 miles west of Grodno.

HOLD NORWEGIAN SHIP

LONDON, Aug. 25.—(Delayed by censor.)—The Norwegian steamer Salomon from Galveston for Asalborg, Denmark, was detained at Kirkwall by the British.

BANKER IS FORGER

G. KLINE ARRESTED IN ST. LOUIS FOR DUAL ROLE

to Have Confessed to Swindles Totalling \$500,000—Prominent in Arkansas

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 29.—After maintaining for years the dual identity of banker and prominent citizen of St. Louis, G. M. Kline, a forger of realty documents in other parts of the country, was today, it is understood, arrested by St. Louis police.

MASON AND ECONOMY JARS AT SPECIAL REDUCED PRICE FOR A SHORT TIME. SCHROEDER & HILDENBRAND Market and Waterfront. Phone 77

SUBMARINE IS RAISED TODAY

HONOLULU, Aug. 30.—The United submarine F-4 was raised to within six feet of the surface yesterday after many months of work, and may be put in dry dock late today. No announcement was made of the probable cause of sinking, nor have any of the bodies of the 22 men on board been brought up.

SUNK BY PARASO

Former Coos Bay Steamer in Collision

Sends Admiral Watson to Bottom at Seattle Owing to Dense Smoke From Forest Fires

SEATTLE, Aug. 30.—The Pacific Alaska Navigation Company's steamer Admiral Watson, was sunk at the wharf yesterday by the steamer Paraso, which lost her bearings in a dense smoke from the forest fires. The Watson will be raised and repaired as soon as possible. All estimates of the damage fall below \$50,000.

ONE MAN LOST

Checking of the crew and others on board show only C. Kilmer, a boatswain, killed. The Paraso was undamaged.

Navigation of Puget Sound has been perilous for two weeks on account of the smoke, but rain today cleared the atmosphere.

RAN TO COOS BAY

Paraso Was Formerly on San Francisco Run for Swayne & Hoyt

The Paraso was formerly on the Coos Bay-San Francisco run, plying out of here for several months. She belongs to the Swayne & Hoyt line and Tom James was agent for her here.

MANY FOREST FIRES IN OREGON TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30.—The many forest fires reported yesterday in Oregon and Southern Washington are under control for the most part. Fire in Skamania County, Washington, along the north bank of the Columbia last night threatened to destroy ranch houses but was not under control after a hard fight.

SHERIFF JOHNSON VICTOR IN CASE

COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 30.—It is announced that the threat of friends of Nova Landtrith to try and go over Sheriff Johnson's head and have him retained as janitor and jailer will avail them nothing. The county court has assured Sheriff Johnson that they will approve his choice for jailer. Sheriff Johnson will announce his appointment tomorrow as Landtrith's term end tomorrow night. It is said that two or three near jail caused Sheriff Johnson to dismiss Landtrith, who is a son-in-law of Ex-Sheriff Gage.

MORE U. S. SHIPS

AMERICA IS NOW CROWDING FRANCE AND NORWAY

Nation Has Most Vessels in Foreign Trade It Has Had Since 1863, Says Report

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—The American flag now floats over more ships in the foreign trade than at any time since 1863 and the United States is pressing close on France and Norway as a marine nation. Figures made public today by the Department of Commerce show a record increase in American shipping for the year ending June 30. On that date there were registered in the foreign trade 2768 ships totalling 1,813,775 tons, an increase of 263 ships and 737,622 tons for the year. Practically all the increases are due to the new American registry law. Assistant Secretary Sweet of the Department said today.

FRUIT JARS BARGAIN

Mason and Economy Jars at a special reduced price for a short time. SCHROEDER & HILDENBRAND Market and Waterfront. Phone 77

S. W. CURRIER IN ARSON RING

Prominent Portland Contractor Said to Have Confessed Guilt in Jail There

TEN YEARS AT IT

Swindled Insurance Companies Out of Large Sums by Burning Insured Property

MANY CITIES AFFECTED

At Least Fifty Places Destroyed in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Other Coast Points—Many Involve Others

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 29.—Sanford W. Currier, a wealthy contractor, is alleged to have confessed in the county jail here today to being the head of the arson ring responsible for at least 50 fires in various Pacific coast cities.

According to the alleged confession, he started the scheme of defrauding insurance companies of Los Angeles ten years ago by over-insuring houses and furniture and then burning them. He confessed to operating in Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other California cities and the police believe that he operated in Seattle and other cities of the Northwest.

MAD MAN CAPTURED

RELIGIOUS FANATIC FIGHTS ENTIRE POLICE FORCE

Early Morning Battle Waged When W. C. Humphries, Coal Miner, Is Taken Into Custody

Working the "black art" to its limit and invoking the power of the Lord to keep out the police, W. C. Humphries, former coal miner at Beaver Hill, was arrested at 3:30 this morning in a lodging house on Broadway only after three policemen had broken in the door.

MORE ENGLISH GOLD

\$45,000,000 SHIPMENT FAILS TO AFFECT EXCHANGE RATE

English Pound Sterling Almost as Low as Last Saturday—New York View

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NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Lower in the day pounds sterling fell to the new low record of \$4.61 3/4.

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THIEF IS HUNGRY

TAKES BOTTLED BEER AND HAM FROM FOURIER'S SHOP

Entrance Gained Through Back Screen Door—Cash Register Has Nothing to Offer Visitor

"Some hot meat and canned fruit, and some cold meat and canned fruit. And so the Lord be thanked."

SEATTLE SUN FAILS

Paper Which Made Sensational Fight For Existence, Losses Out

COLD WAVE EAST: BIG FROST DAMAGE

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Overcoats were popular here today with a temperature of 47 degrees. Only twice before in the history of the Weather Bureau has the temperature dropped so low in August.

WASAU, Wis., Aug. 30.—Damage of about \$300,000 was caused to potatoes, garden truck and corn last night by a killing frost in Marathon County.

RAIN ON COOS BAY

A light thunder shower at midnight and a heavy mist this morning on Coos Bay were welcomed by travelers and all. Saturday was the hottest day of the year at Eugene, the temperature being 97, and other valley points suffered likewise.

COLD WAVE HITS IOWA CORN BELT

WATERLOO, Ia., Aug. 30.—Heavy frosts, in some instances taking the form of ice, are reported in this section last night. The thermometer registered 34 degrees. Extensive damage was done to corn and vegetables.

AMERICAN IS KILLED

E. F. WELLES SLAIN BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Favorable Replies From All But Carranza on Peace Proposal—Texans Form Border Guard

BORDER MILITIA

KINGSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 29.—From its citizenship, Kingsville has organized a militia company, full strength whose object is to protect the city from increasing raids of Mexican bandits.

FOR PEACE MEETING

Villa and Zapata Forces Will Soon Call Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 30.—Villa and Zapata agents here today said a peace convention soon would be called in neutral territory in Mexico to set up a provisional government. Independent Mexicans unaffiliated with any factions would take part, they said, and it was possible that the Pan-American conference would be asked to arrange the details.

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ENGLAND WILL CHANGE RULES

Ambassador Spring-Rice Announces Concessions for American Shipping

ORDER IN COUNCIL

Delays and Hardships Will be Given Special Attention, He Announces Today

ANOTHER U. S. VICTORY

Berlin Announces Policy Suggested by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in Arabic Case Will be Sustained by German Government

COURSE OF GERMANY

Agree to Arabic Case Policy of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg

BERLIN, Aug. 29.—It was understood today that Germany's course with regard to the Arabic case had been decided upon and it is in line with the recent conciliatory statement by the German Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg.

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MACLEAY WINS GOOS COUNTY'S EXPENSES HIGH

JUDGE SKIPWORTH HOLDS GILNETTERS CANNOT INTERFERE

Imposes \$25 Fines on Men Cited for Contempt of Judge Coke's Injunction Order

(Special to The Times.) GOLD BEACH, Ore., Aug. 29.—Judge Calkins, of Eugene, closed the annual term of Circuit Court here Saturday when the following cases were disposed of:

Fishing Cases

The attention of the citizens of Gold Beach was particularly centered upon the cases relative to the fishing industry in Rogue River. The case of James Smith was especially significant to Rogue River fishing. Smith was charged with having violated the injunction issued by Judge Coke restraining him and some eighty other fishermen from interfering with the seines of the Macleay Estate Company. In it Smith was given the minimum fine of \$25 and although the fine was small, the moral principle is the same, namely, that all drift nets must give way to the seines of the Macleay Estate Company. According to the decision the operators of a drift net cannot lay out their nets if the seine crew is on the ground.

Fined for Trespass

A. W. Winegar was fined the minimum fine of \$25 for trespassing upon the lands of the Macleay Estate Company. Winegar fished for the Seaborg Cannery and was seen inside the fence recently placed along Rogue River by the Macleay Estate Company. The Macleay Estate Company was represented by Puck & Peck of Marshfield, while Winegar was represented by John D. Goss, of Marshfield, and Collier Buffington, of Gold Beach. An appeal in the Smith case will probably be taken.

Other Cases Decided

The trial of Thomas Prye of Harbor for bootlegging resulted in a disagreement of the jury. The case of J. H. Schlemmer versus the Gold Beach Water Company was decided in favor of the plaintiff by granting him the sum of \$400 damages alleged to be due for reservoir site and right of way for water main.

UNWRITTEN LAW WINS

Judge Calkins Sustains Regulations of Drift Net Fishing

C. R. Peck, attorney for the Macleay estate, returned home last evening from Gold Beach. He said the question of seine and drift-net fishing will probably have to be regulated hereafter by Legislative law.

Counties Expenditures

Sheriff's office \$8,116.30 County Clerk 4,467.66 Treasurer 5,638.84 Assessor 10,190.46 Surveyor 3,747.24 Coroner 717.09 Health Officer 379.68 Fruit Inspector 835.07 County Court and Commissioners 2,527.19 Court House 7,291.84 Jail 2,293.24 Registration and Elections 8,116.30 Advertising 5,488.89 Scales of Weights and Measures 348.58 Miscellaneous 113,882.59 Total \$181,696.07

ROGUE FISH WAR

STORY OF RECENT TROUBLES AND CAUSE AT GOLD BEACH

Roderick McCleay Gives His Version of Affairs—Ovas Former Home Properties

(Special to The Times.) GOLD BEACH, Ore., Aug. 29.—The Rogue river fishing fight about which so much has been said lately, finally simmered down to a legal proposition, tried out in the circuit court. The Wedderburn Trading Company, the operative name of the Macleay Estate of Portland, owns the 17,000 acres of land and 12 miles of river frontage together with fishing grounds, all of which were formerly owned by the late R. D. Hume. The Macleay Estate purchased this property from the Hume estate three years ago and since that time has made extensive improvements.

The salmon fishing and packing is one of several different features of

Population and Expenses.

Coos County ranked twelfth in population in Oregon according to the United States census. In 1914 according to the Oregon Almanac, it ranked eleventh.

Following is its rank in 1914 for the foregoing county expenditures:

Sheriff 4 County Clerk 3 Treasurer 4 Assessor 5 Surveyor 4 Coroner 4 Total 31

FIGURES QUOTED

Cost of Conducting Public Affairs Greater Than in Most Oregon Counties

C. C. Chapman Says State Expert Accountant Furnished Data for His Statements

BIG 'MISCELLANEOUS' ITEM

Coos County Ranks Eleventh in Population But is Among First in Expenses of Most of Its Offices—Editor Gives His Views

(Special to The Times.) PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 29.—C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, declares that in conducting his affairs Coos County is one of the most expensive in the state. He published some figures on it in a recent issue and the Coquille Sentinel took exception to it. He comes back with the declaration that the Sentinel's figures, furnished by Assessor Thrift, are wrong. In the current issue, he says:

Writer Figures Correct

The (wild) figures we ever saw published are those in the last issue of the Oregon Voter, in which Mr. Chapman makes Coos County's cost for county offices \$181,696 a year. We have before us Assessor Thrift's estimate of the cost of our county offices for 1915 as follows:

Cost of Sheriff's office \$8,000 Cost of Clerk's office \$8,000 Cost of Treasurer's office \$6,000 Cost of Coroner's office \$1,000 Cost of School Supt. office \$4,000 Cost of Assessor's office \$6,000

Total \$33,000

Mr. Thrift's estimate is a liberal one, and as Mr. Chapman, in the Oregon Almanac for the present year, puts our population at 21,000 it seems that we fall a long way short of his "county unit" of \$2 per capita for such expenses, instead of being 210 per cent in excess, as he puts it. We wonder here on earth he got such figures for old Coos.—Coquille Sentinel.

The figures quoted in the Voter were compiled from the original figures as to county expenditures of 1914 as set forth by Accountant John V. Richardson in the recent report of Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells. The items making up the total of \$181,696.07, lifted directly from this official report, are:

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The foregoing items are the same as quoted for all Oregon counties for the purpose of comparison. The circumstance that Coos County came to the top for expenditures in proportion to population does not mean that more items were included in the Coos County figures; it simply means that the total expenditures in Coos County charged up during 1914 under the fifteen headings above were more per capita than the total expenditures under the same headings in any other Oregon county.

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