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PIFFIELD LOST ON BANDON BAR

Three Passengers and Twenty-one Members of Crew Were Removed Safely

SHIP A TOTAL LOSS

Valued at \$150,000 and Partly Insured—Small Cargo of Hay and Grain Aboard

WILL PREVENT LOOTING

Officials Establish Guard as Vessel is Close to Shore Line at Low Water—One Passenger Was Brought to Marshfield

(Special to The Times) The Piffield, valued at \$150,000 and belonging to the A. F. Estabrook and company, lies on the beach south of the south jetty a hopeless wreck as a result of being swept onto the sunken rocks of the jetty while attempting to cross in at 6:45 this morning.

The three passengers and twenty-one members of the crew were taken off by a breeches buoy by Capt. Johnson and the Bandon Coast Guard vessel before 8 o'clock.

Only one person sustained injury during the wreck and that was D. C. Taylor, an aged man who operates a small mill near Bandon, who suffered a broken leg by being struck by a piece of driftwood while watching the disaster.

Coming to Marshfield The three passengers aboard were: S. E. Jones of San Francisco who has enroute to Marshfield to visit the Gilbert family.

J. W. Knott of Monmouth, Calif. M. Wiegandt, a San Francisco traveling man.

Members of the Crew The members of the crew of the Piffield are:

Master—Capt. Carl Bakman. First mate—F. Bergmark. Second mate—J. Elson. Watchman—J. Relukka.

Engineers—J. Johnson, E. Gabrielson, S. Swanson, G. Melander, C. Conevat, P. J. Paul, Fritz Bugge and P. Stangsted.

Engineers' Department—H. Ackerman, L. Linsinger, C. Duggan and three Spanish workmen. Seward's department—Carl Nielsen and two waiters.

Will Prevent Looting Mayor Topping and the Bandon city officials have assured Capt. Bakman that they will maintain guards so that there will be no looting and that no one will be permitted to board the Piffield without permission of the captain.

A couple of members of the crew were now aboard the Piffield to save what they can.

At low tide it will be possible to walk out close to where the Piffield lies in the sand.

Had Small Cargo The cargo aboard the Piffield consisted of a large shipment of hay for Lawrence Schetter of the Bandon warehouse, a brother of Otto Schetter, Victory Union manager at Marshfield.

There was also a big shipment of grain for the dairy farm of George Land, a brother of Deputy Sheriff W. C. Laird of Coquille.

There was some miscellaneous freight aboard also.

Is Partly Insured It is known here that the Estabrook Company has always kept its vessels, the Piffield, Speedwell and Bandon, insured but the amount carried on each is not known in Bandon.

The Piffield is now estimated to be worth, according to the high prices being paid for vessels, \$150,000, although she did not cost that much to build.

Criticism Bandon Tug There was considerable criticism leveled around Bandon soon after the wreck because the tug Klyhnam of Bandon, did not go to the Piffield's assistance.

It is stated that the Klyhnam was about to put to sea when the Piffield started in. As soon as the Piffield struck, Capt. Bakman whistled for the tug and later when he decided to go to the beach, called to the tug to have the tug try and get close to him.

However, the tug did not cross out. Usually the tug tows the vessels in and out of the bar.

Off Bar All Night The Piffield arrived off the Ban-

PIFFIELD BUILT HERE

WRECKED VESSEL CONSTRUCTED AT NORTH BEND IN 1908.

Was Constructed by Kruse & Banks, for Estabrook Company, and Was Excellent Vessel.

The Piffield, which went to destruction on the rocks at the south jetty at Bandon this morning, was built at the Kruse & Banks yards in North Bend in 1908, for the A. F. Estabrook company, and for several years after her construction was on the Bandon-San Francisco run.

When the mills on the Coquille river suspended operations, the Piffield hauled lumber from Brookings for a time, then from Port Orford and recently had been on the Toledo-San Francisco run, carrying lumber from Geo. W. Moore's mill at Toledo.

The Piffield was 172.6 feet long, 39 feet beam and 12.1 feet draught. She had 500 horse power engines, gross tonnage of 634 and net tonnage of 440 tons, carrying about 700,000 feet of lumber. She was equipped for passenger traffic and carried a crew of twenty-one men. She was of twin screw construction.

She was quite similar to the Speedwell, now operating out of here, the Speedwell also being built at North Bend. The third ship of the Estabrook line was the Bandon, now plying out of Toledo.

At 6:45 this morning Capt. Bakman started in. He headed from the northwest and just as he was to make the turn into the river channel, a huge swell struck him. It lifted him out of the course and the vessel struck on the rocks of the submerged jetty which extends about 600 feet beyond the visible end. A hole was punched through the bottom in the rear of the engine room.

He backed off, but a second swell struck him and threw the Piffield on the rocks again, this time the bow striking and holding her while the seas swung the stern around to the south. Then she was washed inward to the beach.

Life Savers Active Capt. Johnson and the life savers attempted to put out in the power boat when the Piffield sounded the first danger signal but it was too rough.

They immediately rigged up a breeches buoy and shot a line over the Piffield and all the passengers and twenty-one members of the crew were safely ashore before 8 o'clock.

Long on Piffield Captain Bakman served as first officer on the Piffield under Capt. Jensen who was master of her for quite a while. Capt. Jensen was to be promoted from the Piffield to the Speedwell when the latter vessel was built but he died suddenly at San Francisco.

Capt. Bakman succeeded Capt. Lindberg last November on the Piffield. Captain Jensen's daughter, christened the Speedwell.

Was an Ill-omen It was recalled in Bandon this morning that when the Piffield was built, there was an untoward incident that sailors regard as an ill omen. It seems that when it came to the launching, the craft stuck on the ways and could not be launched until a day later.

Brooklyn in Safe The Brooklyn crossed safely in early this morning. Captain Swanson said that the sea was pretty choppy with heavy swell which he regarded as dangerous although the Brooklyn had no difficulty.

Other Accidents They In 1902, the Mandalay was caught on the submerged jetty near where the Piffield met her fate today but succeeded in getting off after being hung there for 24 hours.

Frank Layton, a well known traveling man who is now in Coos county was one of the passengers on the Mandalay at the time.

The Bandon several years ago was also caught on the submerged jetty but got off after being somewhat damaged.

Loss Keenly Felt The loss is keenly felt here as the Piffield was needed to take care of the way of prosperity which is just hitting Bandon. With the George W. Moore mill about to resume operations, the Piffield would have been a valuable member of the fleet carrying Bandon lumber, ties and other products.

With a scarcity of vessels on the coast now, it is difficult to figure how she can be replaced.

Capt. Bakman said he did not care to discuss the wreck or its causes. He deeply felt his loss but if reserving his statements for his report to the government and the owners.

PROSPERITY IN STEEL ORDERS

Over \$240,000,000 Worth of Material Ordered Since January 1, Say Reports

BIG PROFITS IN IT

Even This Tremendous Tide of Prosperity Will be Surpassed Before End of Year

MUCH COMES FROM EUROPE

Tremendous Impetus Given by Orders from Land and Water Transportation Companies in United States—\$80,000,000 Profits

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Orders aggregating 4,000,000 tons, valued at \$240,000,000 have been placed in the steel market since January 1 and the crest of the boom has not yet been reached according to statements today by the leaders of the industry.

The orders placed in the last two months indicate profits to the mills of \$80,000,000, half of which is expected to flow into the coffers of the United States Steel Corporation. Even this tremendous tide of prosperity, it is declared, will be surpassed before the end of the year.

Apart from the direct effects of the European war, the industry has been given a tremendous impetus by orders placed for equipment by land and water transportation companies.

HENRY JAMES DIED IN LONDON TODAY

Noted English Author Succumbs—Body Will Be Cremated After Funeral at Chelsea

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 29.—The body of Henry James, novelist, who died yesterday, will be cremated. The funeral services will be held at Chelsea church.

Henry James was born in America, but died a British subject. In July, 1915, he took the oath of allegiance to the Crown, explaining that he had lived and worked in England for forty years and had developed such an attachment for the country and sympathy with its people that he desired to throw his moral weight and personal allegiance into the British cause into the European war.

The distinguished novelist, critic and playwright was born in New York, April 15, 1843. His father, Henry James, Sr., was noted as a writer on ethics and religion; and his younger brother, William, was later to become distinguished as a psychologist. The family was possessed of an ample fortune, the foundation of which was laid by the novelist's grandfather, of Scotch-Irish descent, who migrated from Ulster soon after the Revolutionary war and became a successful merchant at Albany, N. Y.

\$25,000 IS STOLEN

Bandits Who Attempted to Get \$1,000,000 Consignment to New York Banks Made Good Halt

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Securities of a value of about \$25,000 were obtained by robbers who rifled the mail pouches on the postoffice auto truck Saturday while on the ferry from Jersey City, according to an announcement by the banking firm of Potter, Choate and Prentiss, to whom the securities were shipped.

FELIX DIAZ HAS GONE TO VERA CRUZ, MEXICO

Nephew of Former Dictator of Southern Republic Sailed Two Weeks Ago to Start New Revolt

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—Reports today to the Department of Justice said that General Felix Diaz, who hopes to start a new revolution in Mexico, left the United States February 18 on a ship bound via Tampa, Florida, to Tierra, State of Vera Cruz.

Attend Catholic Ladies' Card party at Moose Hall Thursday night. Cards and refreshments. Admission 25 cents each.

Libby Coal, \$5.00 ton. Phone 72.

GERMANY WILL ENFORCE RULE

New Submarine Campaign Order Will go Into Effect at Midnight Tonight

BERLIN VIEW GIVEN

Kaiser's Leading Statesmen Say That There Will be no Further Leniency Shown

NO WARNING TO BE GIVEN

Armed Vessels of All Classes Will Be Sunk Without Notice—Nations Had Hoped That New Naval Warfare Rule Would Be Agreed Upon

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Germany's latest communication on the submarine warfare was discussed in detail at today's cabinet meeting and at a separate conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, but no conclusion was reached. It was decided to await the data on the way from Berlin regarding the instructions alleged to have been issued by the British admiralty to merchant captains for attacks on submarines.

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(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Feb. 29.—The Associated Press is informed by Germany's leading statesman that the new rule of submarine warfare which was announced in the German memorandum regarding the future treatment of armed merchantmen, will positively be put into effect at midnight.

At that time the period of warning for neutrals, giving them opportunity to advise their subjects not to travel on armed merchantmen, will expire.

For several days there has been more than a possibility that Germany at the last moment might make proposals that she would discontinue the practice of reprisal and sinking of merchant ships—freighters or passenger liners—without first halting the vessel for examination and putting the crew in a place of safety as in the old style naval warfare, if the Allies would remove armament from merchantmen.

It was thought that England might accept this proposal or that the United States and other neutrals would be convinced, if England refused, that she had no intention of discontinuing the use of armament for offensive purposes.

ARMED ITALIAN LINERS SAILS FROM NEW YORK

Two Vessels Allowed to Clear When Home Government Assures U. S. Armament is Defensive.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The Italian liners Giuseppe Verdi and San Guglielmo, at New York, with guns mounted aboard, were ordered cleared today on assurances of the Italian government that their armament was for defensive purposes only.

PLANS OF JAPANESE

Premier Okuma Says Mikado Will Prevent Revolt

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) TOKYO, Feb. 29.—Premier Okuma told a Japanese delegation who are avowedly hostile to Yuan Shi Kai, the Chinese president, that while he could not disclose the government's policy, they might rest assured that Japan would take the proper measures to maintain peace in the Orient.

ELECTION IN CHICAGO

Aldermen and Municipal Judge is Being Chosen

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—In the primary election today 35 candidates for Aldermen and one candidate for a vacancy on the municipal bench are being voted on by Democrats, Republicans and Socialists. Considerable disorder is reported at the polls.

VERDUN BATTLE STILL RAGING

Germans Claim Further Gains and Capture 16,575 Unwounded Prisoners

FIGHTING IS FIERCE

Terrific Cannonading Continues With Unabated Fury Along the Line Today

MANY TOWNS CAPTURED

Paris Claims Advances of Crown Prince's Army Offset by Counter Attacks in Many Places—Two Versions of Engagement

CIVIL POPULATION ALL LEAVES VERDUN

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Feb. 29.—Reports from Verdun say 21 persons of the civilian population have been killed by shells which fell in the city. The small remnant of population was still reluctant to leave, but were urged by the authorities to go and they crowded out on open freight cars.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 29.—The great battle around Verdun continued with undiminished fury today. Paris reports the bombardment north of Verdun is of the greatest intensity.

Berlin tells of further progress for the Germans in the drive toward the fortress in the Woerre district.

German troops have passed Dieppe Abaucourt and Blanzee, and also have taken Manheulles and Camplon. A small armored work northwest of Douaumont was stormed by the Germans.

The official German announcement gives the total number of unwounded prisoners as 16,575. They also captured 78 cannon and 86 machine guns.

Paris says east of the Meuse last night was a resumption of the violent attacks. Near the village of Douaumont, fighting came to a hand to hand encounter, and the Germans were repulsed. The French statement admits the loss of Manheulles but says a counter attack brought the French to the western boundary of this location.

In Lorraine, the Germans occupied small sections of the French trenches but were shortly driven from them.

Heavy Guns Used The crown prince's armies engaged in the terrific battle at Verdun had their way blasted for them, according to correspondents near the scene, by what is said to be the greatest concentration of artillery fire known to history, in which the monster guns of the Germans and Austrians, brought from the Serbian and Russian fronts, have played an important part.

Russians Still Gain From Persia comes the Russian announcement that the important city of Kermanshah has been taken by storm by Russia's forces. Recent Petrograd advices have indicated an expectation that the southern movement of this Russian army might eventually link up with the British operations in Mesopotamia. The advance to Kermanshah places the Russian column within 150 miles of Kut-el-Amara on the Tigris, near which a British force is at present stalled in its march to the relief of General Townsend's beleaguered army at Kut.

SCOTT ATTENDS CABINET MEETING HELD TODAY

Acting Secretary of War First Army Officer to Attend Session Since Civil War

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, Secretary of War ad interim, attended today's cabinet meeting and the White House historian said it was the first time since the Civil War that an army officer had sat at the cabinet table.

SAY WILSON WINS

LEADERS DECLARE CONGRESS WILL SUPPORT HIM

Will Not Pass Measure Warning Americans to Keep Off Armed Belligerent Vessels Now

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—The administration leaders in Congress are ready to bring the question of warning Americans of armed ships of European belligerents to a vote at once, as they are confident that they can defeat all such proposals. They feel that until the question is disposed of President Wilson is hampered in the submarine negotiations with the Central Powers.

No Outbreak Today Representative Mondell, Republican, in a speech to the House today assailed the administration's foreign policy and urged the passage of his bill, still in the committee, to warn Americans against taking passage on armed merchantmen. His speech led to no new outbreak on the subject.

870 RESCUED OFF FRENCH SHIP IN MEDITERRANEAN

Provenge Was Sunk In Southern Waters Last Saturday, According to Official Announcement.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Feb. 29.—The French cruiser Provenge was sunk in the Mediterranean last Saturday, it was officially announced today. The Ministry of Marine estimates the number of survivors at 870.

The Laprovence was one of the largest French line vessels. Her gross tonnage was 13,853. She was requisitioned by the French government for naval service at the beginning of the war.

TURKS HASTILY EVACUATE TREBIZOND ON BLACK SEA

Give Up Towns Along Caucasus as Result of Russian Army's Advance Toward Dardanelles.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 29.—A Petrograd dispatch says that the Turks are hastily evacuating Trebizond and neighboring towns on the Black Sea coast of the Caucasus region.

BRITISH WAR LOSSES IN FEBRUARY 18,500

Total Casualties in All War Zones During Month Was 739 Officers and 17,847 Men

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 29.—The British casualties in all the war areas during February total 739 officers and 17,847 men.

ITALY TAKES OVER MOST OF GERMAN SHIPS THERE

Government Requisitions Thirty-four Vessels Interned in Italian Ports Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 29.—It was announced in the House of Commons today that the Italian government had requisitioned 34 of the 37 German steamers interned in Italian ports.

SEVEN PERSONS FOUND DEAD IN HOUSE RUINS

Farm Home Near Taloga, Okla., Buried Last Night Reveals Many Victims Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) TALOGA, Okla., Feb. 29.—The bodies of seven persons were found today in the ruins of a farm house, burned last night near here. The dead were identified as M. Creed, his wife, three children and two brothers.

LOST IN COAL MINE

Twelve Dead and Some Missing Near Kempston, W. Va.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) KEMPSTON, W. Va., Feb. 29.—12 men are known to be dead, some are still missing and 52 have been brought to safety from the Dav's Coal and Coke Company mine near here, where an explosion occurred today. The rescuers expressed the opinion that the missing men have perished. The explosion is believed to have been caused from dust.

Twelve Dead From the depth of the mine word came this afternoon from rescue crews that the bodies of five of the missing men had been located and it was expected that one more body would be found. This brings the death list up to 12.

FRENCH CLAIM GERMANS LOSE

Paris Military Critics Declare That Joffre is Striking Blow for Blow With Kaiser

HEAVY LOSS SHOWN

Claim That Crown Prince Has Hurlled 750,000 Men Against Verdun and Surroundings

ATTACKS LESS EFFECTIVE

Declare Less Energy Shown by Assaults But New Attacks Are Expected at Other Points Along Battle Line Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Feb. 29.—Military critics expressed the opinion that the German forces which at the beginning of the battle around Verdun numbered probably half a million, now exceed 750,000.

"The situation is now decidedly better," is the common phrase used this morning in Paris papers regarding the struggle.

The French are beginning to react vigorously against the German "Bludson strokes," which are having less and less effect and are being delivered with diminished energy.

It was expected, however, they would be renewed again today at new points.

AID PUGET SOUND

MEASURE PROVIDES \$2,000,000 EQUIPMENT FOR NAVY YARD

Equipment for Construction of Vessels—Poindexter Gets Favorable Poll of Committee

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Equipment of the Puget Sound Navy Yard for battleship construction at an expense of approximately \$2,000,000 was ordered reported to the Senate today by the Senate Naval committee. In the absence of a quorum, Chairman Tillman endorsed the Poindexter bill for that purpose and authorized the Washington senator to report if he could get a favorable poll of the committee. Poindexter immediately obtained the favorable poll.

VOTE IN ST. LOUIS

Will Prohibit Blacks From Moving Into White Residential Districts—Two Ordinances Up

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 29.—Voters of St. Louis are deciding at a referendum election today whether two measures, designed to restrict the negro population to certain parts of the city, shall become ordinances.

Two bills, both submitted by petition under the initiative clause of the city charter, are being voted on. One provides that negroes shall not move into blocks occupied wholly by white persons, or that white persons shall not move into blocks occupied wholly by negroes.

The other proposed ordinance provides that negroes shall not move into blocks in which 75 per cent of the houses are occupied by whites, or that white persons shall not move into blocks in which 75 per cent of the houses are occupied by negroes.

If both ordinances are adopted, the second, being the more stringent of the two, would be effective. Neither ordinance puts any restriction on the ownership of property, but restricts solely the use of property for residence purposes. Negroes who are employed in houses or apartments occupied by white persons, are unaffected by the ordinances. Apartment house janitors who live in the basements of apartments, occupied by whites, would not be affected.

Both ordinances contain clauses providing that the proposed laws shall not affect persons at present living in blocks occupied by members of the other races.

If the "whole block ordinance" is adopted, about 500 blocks in the city would be available for negro residence. If the more stringent or "75 per cent measure" is adopted, only about 150 blocks will be available for negro residence.

Attorneys say certain clauses of the "75 per cent" ordinance are vague, and litigation seems certain if either ordinance is adopted.

The ordinances have been strenuously opposed by negro organizations and by many white friends of the race as tending to crowd the negroes into limited sections of the city. The ordinances have been supported by many whites who argue that the property values of small home owners are imperiled by the possibility that negroes may move next door to whites.