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WEDDERBURN IS IN DIRE DANGER

Rogue River Townsite Reported to be Sliding Into Rogue River Today

WHOLE HILL MOVES

Residents Become Frightened and Flee to Gold Beach and Higher Ground

HEAVY RAIN IS THE CAUSE

Seven Inches of Water Within Few Days and Freshet Is Likely—Town Owned by MacLeay Company

(Special to The Times)

GOLD BEACH, Ore., March 6.—The residents of Wedderburn were greatly frightened when the hillside on which the town is located began slipping into Rogue River. The town which has continued since Tuesday has so loosened the soil that it is feared the entire town may be pushed into the river.

The town of Wedderburn is just across the Rogue from Gold Beach and is owned and controlled by the MacLeay Estate Co. of Portland.

Several employes have moved with their families to the MacLeay Lodge which is located on higher ground.

The Wedderburn Trading Co.'s store is closed and all business is suspended for the present. If the slide continues it will mean a great loss of property to the company as the store building, warehouses, post-office and many homes of employes would be destroyed.

Part of the residents moved their families across the river to Gold Beach.

Seven inches of rain has fallen which is a new record for this county.

An appreciable rise in Rogue river is also expected.

If the rain continues the freshet will endanger the cannery of the Wedderburn company and that of the Seaburg company which is located four miles up the river from this place.

LITTLER IS HURT

GOLD BEACH HARDWARE MAN VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Riding Horse Falls on Him and Seriously Injured Leg—Was Formerly a Resident of Marshfield (Special to The Times)

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GOLD BEACH, Ore., March 6.—P. M. Littler, the general hardware man of Gold Beach who formerly resided in Marshfield met with a very painful accident while riding after horses. On an attempt to ride up a steep bank to turn some loose horses, the horse which he was riding tumbled down and in his attempt to free himself fell back on Mr. Littler and seriously bruised one leg. The horse ran away for some three hundred yards and after a desperate effort Mr. Littler managed to drag himself to the horse and get home. While the bones appear to be broken, he will be bedfast for some time.

TRADING STAMPS GIVEN BLACK EYE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—The United States Supreme Court held constitutional today the Washington and Florida laws prohibiting and regulating trading stamps.

BILL IN HOUSE

Who's Preparedness Measure Introduced Today

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—With the introduction today of the House army bill by Chairman Hay of the military committee, the second of the National defense measures recommended by President Wilson was before Congress.

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RIVERS UP AGAIN

COQUILLE RISES 27 FEET AT MYRTLE POINT TODAY.

Train Service Beyond Coquille Is Impossible—Log Trains Are Halted—Maybe Still Higher.

EUGENE SUFFERS FROM BAD STORM

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) EUGENE, Ore., March 6.—All the schools in the city suspended today as a result of the rain, snow and floods. The high school and other buildings are isolated by water from Amazon Slough.

Warm rains of yesterday brought down the snows from the mountain tops and today the Coquille river is up 27 feet at Myrtle Point and since Saturday trains have been unable to get above Coquille. It is expected that the river will be still higher this evening.

Trainmen said this morning that the water is standing about a foot deep on the rails near Johnson's station, between Coquille and Myrtle Point and that the flood is washing out the ballasting.

This makes it impossible to bring the logging trains through from Powers, though the camp near there has been closed down since Friday night, it is said.

Suifu Recaptured by Government

Mail Comes Late

Saturday's mail arrived here yesterday and this morning's train brought the mail that should have come yesterday. This makes Coos Bay still one day behind her schedule, though there is a possibility that the five o'clock train from the Valley this evening will make up the schedule.

No word has been received here as to the reason of the delay, though it is generally understood that there have been heavy snows on the road out of Roseburg and perhaps slides again.

No Stages Through

On account of the heavy seas that are battering up on the seawall today it was impossible for the stages to get through. The Atlas went down to the lower bay this morning with her passengers and not until then did they get word that the trip north could not be undertaken. The start was made at five o'clock this morning.

Much Snow Near Sitkum

Five and one-half feet of snow was reported at Sitkum yesterday and it was then still snowing. Rivermen this morning said that Coos River is up between seven and eight feet, but later in the day was beginning to fall again.

Short on Logs

At the Smith mill it was stated today that the Eastside mill would probably close this afternoon on account of the shortage of logs.

There are sufficient logs for the big mill to continue until tomorrow night. Owing to the flood over the railroad, shutting off the supply of logs from Powers, it is likely that the mills will have to close for a few days.

Take Linemen Away

For the second time J. W. Buis and his crew of Western Union linemen have been called off the job to hasten into the Willamette Valley on emergency calls. Yesterday a special train was provided the superintendent and his crew of 11 men. They left at once for Eugene to make some repairs near there caused by the bad storm of the last few days. It is said they will return tomorrow but this is not certain. At any rate it was expected that the line through to Eugene would be completed tomorrow, but this is now an impossibility.

GUNMAN TO PEN

CHAS. M. FORD GETS THIRTY YEARS IN SIOUX CITY.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 6.—Charles M. Ford, alleged head of a gang of gunmen which terrorized Sioux City for over a year, pleaded guilty to the murder of Roy Morley, and was sentenced to 30 years. He was a former hotel keeper and politician.

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LIMIT DEBATE IN HOUSE VOTE

Preparations Completed for Decision on Armed Ship Question Tomorrow

RESULT IS IN DOUBT

Bryan Gives Luceon Today to Congressional Leaders Opposing Pres. Wilson

STRONG SPEECHES MADE

McCumber and Mann Declare Americans Owe It to Country Not to Jeopardize Peace by "Joy Rides" on Armed Vessels of Belligerents

WILSON WANTS PARTY LINES KEPT OUT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, March 6.—President Wilson appealed directly to Representatives Bennett and Lenroot, Republican members of the House Rules committee, today to consider the armed ship issue without partisan bias and assist in getting the vote on the resolution warning Americans off armed ships.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—The House Rules committee today agreed upon and will bring into the House tomorrow a special rule for four hours debate on the McLemore resolution warning Americans off armed ships of European belligerents. This action puts the much discussed resolution into a parliamentary position where the administration leaders are confident they can kill it.

Bryan Is Busy

While the rules committee was meeting, Representative Bailey of Pennsylvania, invited Senators and representatives to lunch with William J. Bryan. At three o'clock, about twenty had been invited, most of whom were strong advocates of the warning resolution. Among those invited were Senators Kern and Vandaman, and Representatives Dill, of Washington, Calaway and Slayden, of Texas.

Duties of Americans

When the Senate convened, McCumber, author of the pending resolution of warning, again took occasion to discuss the subject. "The country, while ever ready to defend the rights of citizens, does not want its citizens to lead us heedlessly into war. True American patriotism demands that no American should by any heedless act jeopardize the Nation's peace or precipitate a grave crisis."

In the House when Gardner declared there should be a clear vote on the subject Republican Leader Mann announced he was against bringing the matter up in the House at all. "I have believed in letting the House attend to its own constitutional duties and letting the President attend to his constitutional duties," he said.

Fool Joy Ride

The House resounded with cheers when Mann took the floor and assailed Americans who might involve the country in war by traveling on armed ships. "I hope our citizens never will be put to the test of having to fight because some fool has involved us by entering upon a joy ride," he shouted.

No Political Motives

"The gentleman from Massachusetts, Mr. Gardner," said Mann, "has charged that the membership of the House in this matter has been actuated, first, by partisan reasons, and second, by the fear of votes at home. The gentleman from Massachusetts is entitled to speak for himself, but not for anyone else on either side of the House. This is too grave a question for the patriotic men of this House to be actuated by the base motives as suggested by the gentleman from Massachusetts."

CHINESE REBELS LOSE

Suifu Recaptured By Government Troops.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PEKING, March 6.—Suifu, in the southern part of Sze Chuen province, was recaptured by the government troops.

Edith Melber Haugs Herself With Bed Shot at Auburn.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) AUBURN, N. Y., March 6.—Edith Melber, serving twenty years for the murder of her five-year-old son George, who was poisoned in 1911, hanged herself with a bed sheet in the prison for women.

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445 MISSING IN BRAZIL WRECK

Spanish Steamer Goes Down Five Minutes After Striking Rock on Brazilian Coast

FEW DETAILS GIVEN

One of Worst Sea Disasters in Years Reported From Island of Santos

WAS PRINCIPE DE ASTURIAS

Report 143 Were Rescued and Balance Are Still Missing—Vessel Struck Near Entrance to Santos Bay Yesterday

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SANTOS, Brazil, March 6.—The Spanish steamer Principe de Asturias, was sunk by striking a rock. She was sent to the bottom in five minutes. Eighty-six members of the crew and 57 passengers were brought to Santos by the French steamer Viga. A Spanish steamer is standing by.

MANY ARE MISSING

Report to London Says 445 on Vessel are Unaccounted For

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Mar. 6.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Santos says 338 passengers and 107 members of the crew of the Principe de Asturias are missing. The steamer was wrecked yesterday at Sebastian Point, on the western extremity of the island of that name, near the entrance to Santos Bay.

WAND IN TROUBLE

STEAMER WHICH FORMERLY PLEDGED TO COOS BAY IN STORM

Bound From Eagle Harbor for San Pedro With Lumber Is Dismantled Off Tatoosh

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, March 6.—A dispatch from Tatoosh says the steamer Thomas L. Wand, bound from Eagle Harbor for San Pedro with lumber, was dismantled off Tatoosh Sunday night. She is being towed back to the Straits by the steamer Admiral Dewey.

WELL KNOWN HERE

Thomas L. Wand Made Several Trips to Coos Bay

The steamer Thomas L. Wand is quite well known here having made several trips to Coos Bay during the past year, bringing freight from San Francisco and taking lumber south.

MOEWE SAFE HOME

GERMAN SEA RAIDER RETURNS FROM REMARKABLE CRUISE

Berlin Claims She Sank Fifteen Vessels and Secured Much Loot—Mine Sank English Battleship

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, March 6.—The German cruiser Moewe arrived yesterday in a German port (said to be Wilhelmshaven) and had on board 199 prisoners and a million marks in gold. During her spectacular career she sank fifteen enemy merchantmen including the Appam.

She also laid mines, to which, among others, the battleship King Edward VII fell a victim.

County von Dohna Scholdien, the commander received the iron cross of the first class and the crew iron crosses of the second class.

ENDS LIFE IN PRISON

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QUIET REIGNS NEAR VERDUN

No Infantry Actions at Scene of Last Week's Battles on the Western Front

AN ARTILLERY DUEL

Berlin Claims They Captured 1000 Prisoners in Minor Engagements

PLAN FOR A NEW DRIVE

British Infantry Makes Minor Attacks Near Verdun But Berlin Says They Were Repulsed—Canonading Still Active

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, March 6.—There was no infantry action north of Verdun last night, Paris reported today, but artillery actions continued on the left bank of the Meuse and intermittently in the section west of Douaumont and in Woivre.

Berlin states the day passed more quietly on the eastern bank of the Meuse. Nevertheless, the Germans captured yesterday and the day before during minor engagements nearly 1,000 prisoners.

Apparently the Germans are preparing for another concentrated assault on the fortress.

Near Verdun the British infantry delivered minor infantry attacks which were repulsed. Comparatively quiet prevails on the remainder of the front.

COL. HOUSE HOME

PRES. WILSON'S ENVOY BACK FROM TRIP TO EUROPE

Reports Direct to Chief Executive Regarding Affairs in Capitals of the Belligerents

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—Colonel E. M. House, who returned yesterday after visiting Berlin, London, and Paris as special envoy of President Wilson, conferred with the President this morning. It is understood that Colonel House expressed great admiration for the way the American diplomats abroad are carrying on their work.

Tells of Feeling

Col. House told the President in detail about the state of public sentiment in Germany, France and England and is understood to have had much to say on the feeling in Germany in support of the submarine policy.

SMALL NATION IN

AUSTRIA CONSIDERS HERSELF AT WAR WITH SAN MARINO

Southern Republic Now Involved in World War, According to Rome Dispatch

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, March 6.—Austria considers herself at war with the Republic of San Marino is the message that American Ambassador Penfield conveyed to the government of the smallest nation in the world, which has applied through him to have its citizens, interned in Austria, released.

OLNEY ARNOLD DEAD

U. S. Consul General at Cairo Succumbs in Lisbon

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—Olney Arnold, the American diplomatic agent and consul general at Cairo, Egypt, died yesterday in a hospital at Lisbon, Portugal.

CZAR'S HEAVY LOSS

SOCIALIST MEMBER OF DUMA DELIVERS PESSIMISTIC SPEECH

Declares Russia Has Suffered Greater Losses Than All Rest of Nations Together

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, March 6.—(Wireless via Sayville.)—In an address to the Russian Duma, M. Tcheldse, Socialist deputy, expressed himself in a most pessimistic manner in regard to Russia's prospects in the war.

He said that the total Russian casualties are greater than those of all the other belligerents together, but he said the losses on the battlefield are small compared with the starved millions of victims of bad government.

Further details of the speech reported from Stockholm quote Tcheldse as saying that during the war treason and piracy have reigned and the real object of the entente powers is not liberation of Europe from Prussian militarism but carrying out the policies of imperialism and the annexation of territory.

WAR IN FAR EAST

SEVERE FIGHTING BETWEEN BRITISH AND TURKS ON TIGRIS

England Sends Large New Force to Relief of General Townsend's Force at Kut-El-Amarah

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, March 6.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News says that since February 21 heavy fighting has been in progress between the relief forces of General Aylmer on the Tigris and Turkish troops, according to Constantinople advices. Especially severe fighting has taken place near the town of Nasri, the British recently moved up a new large force to proceed to the relief of General Townsend at Kut-El-Amarah.

RUSSIAN SEA RAID

CLAIMS TO HAVE SUNK MANY TURKISH SHIPS AT TREBIZOND

Report That Czar's Torpedo Destroyers Did Much Damage at Black Sea Port

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PETROGRAD, March 6.—Russian torpedo boat destroyers bombarded Trebizond, the Turkish seaport on the Black Sea and sunk several ships. Turkish batteries replied without success.

BIG STEAMER SUNK

Masunda Goes to Bottom, But the Crew is Saved

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Mar. 6.—The British steamer Masunda, 4592 tons gross, has been sunk. The crew was saved.

BIG ITALIAN LOAN

War Securities Over-Subscribed, According to Rome.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Mar. 6.—The subscriptions for the third Italian war loan, stated to be four billion Lire, totals seven billion Lire thus far.

SAMPSON IS LAUNCHED

Destroyer Named For Late Rear-Admiral Leaves Ways.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) QUINCY, Mass. Mar. 6.—The destroyer Sampson, named for the late rear admiral, has been launched.

NEW SEAMAN'S LAW

Measure Affecting Foreign Ships Is Effective Now.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—The provisions of the La Follette seaman's law, applicable to foreign vessels, became effective Saturday. Clearance will be refused ships not complying.

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ZEPPELIN RAID ON MANY TOWNS

Twelve Killed and Thirty-three Hurt in Last Night's Aerial Bombardment

THREE AIR CRAFT

Visited Yorkshire, Norfolk, Kent, and Many Other English Cities

MUCH DAMAGE WAS DONE

About Forty Bombs Were Dropped by Raiders and Block of Almshouses Were Among Places Destroyed—Details Given

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Mar. 6.—Twelve persons were killed and 33 injured in last night's Zeppelin raid on England. Three Zeppelins took part in the attack.

The official statement says: "After crossing the coast, the airships took various courses, and from the devious nature of their flights, they were apparently uncertain as to their bearings. The area visited included Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk Essex and Kent."

"As far as known, about forty bombs were dropped. The material damage consisted of two houses destroyed, one office, one public house, a cafe and several shops destroyed and a block of almshouses was badly damaged."

TO DEPORT FRANCIS

PRISONER FROM COOS, GIVEN CONDITIONAL PAROLE

Man Serving Sentence for Robbing Owl Saloon in Marshfield, Released by Gov. Withycombe (Special to The Times.)

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 6.—A conditional pardon was issued today by Governor Withycombe to George Francis, who is serving a term in the penitentiary for burglary from Coos County, in order that he might be deported.

ROBBED OWL SALOON

Geo. Francis Sentenced Year Ago for Crime in Marshfield

George Francis was arrested and later convicted on the charge of robbing the Owl Saloon on North Front street. The conviction was about a year ago last November, and he was sent to the state penitentiary to serve a term of three to twenty years.

It is said that Francis is a native of Australia. A short time ago it was understood that Judge Coke, who sentenced him, had recommended that he be pardoned.

SECRETARY OF WAR

NEWTON D. BAKER, FORMER CLEVELAND MAYOR, CHOSEN

Has Accepted Appointment and is Arranging Affairs for Removal to Washington Soon

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland, has been selected by President Wilson for Secretary of War. Mr. Baker has accepted the position and is now arranging his affairs in Cleveland preparatory to coming to Washington to assume his duties.

Baker is 44

Baker was offered a place in the cabinet when President Wilson took office, but he declined. He is 44 years old and was born at Martinsburg, W. Va. At the age of 25 he was appointed private secretary to Postmaster General Wilson in Cleveland's cabinet.

AUTO RACER WEDS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, March 6.—Louis Diabrow, automobile racer, married Harriet May Henry and announced that he will retire from racing.