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FEEL SAFE NOW AT WEDDERBURN

Townsite Stops Sliding and Residents Think Danger Has Passed.

OPENS BIG FISSURE

Hillside Cracks Open to Considerable Depth For Several Hundred Yards.

MANY SMALLER SLIDES

Considerable Damage to Buildings and Flood Waters Wash Down North Side—Rogue River Not Rising Very Rapidly.

(Special to the Times.)

WEDDERBURN, Ore., March 7.—

Danger on account of slides and floods are past if there is no more rainfall. With nearly a foot of rain falling in a few days, the situation for a time looked serious. Some of the families who reside in the town are staying at the Macleay lodge on the hill and others are at Gold Beach and have not yet moved back to their homes.

Back of the town there are high hills. Just south of the store, warehouses and residences in that section of the town, the hill, on account of the long downpour, started to slide, opening a great fissure. For a distance of 300 yards there was a split several feet wide, and it looked as though the whole hill was coming down and carry the buildings into the river.

Much Damage Done.

There were a large number of many slides around and near the town. Fences were broken and small buildings were moved. One residence was moved from its foundation.

Mud and water was carried into the store and warehouses of the Wedderburn Trading company. Neither the Macleay cannery nor the Seaborg cannery have been damaged. On account of slides along the main highway to Rogue river, no mail can get through except that which is carried on horseback.

The Rogue river has not risen as far as was feared as the snow in the mountains has not melted yet and it will likely melt slowly enough that the river can carry away the excess water without any danger of a flood.

FIFIELD STRIPPED

EVERYTHING MOVABLE TAKEN OFF WRECK AT BANDON.

Insurance People Expected to Act Soon if Estabrook Company Does Not Try to Save Her.

(Special to the Times.)

BANDON, Ore., March 7.—Everything movable has been taken off of the wreck of the steamer Fifield on the beach south of the Coquille river. It is expected that the insurance people will probably offer the vessel for sale, in which event it can be bought in by the owners. Whoever purchases the ship, should be offered at auction, will, of course, make an attempt to salvage the hull. It is impossible now to ascertain just how bad a hole there is in the bottom of the boat until the cargo of hay is removed. The sea has not been especially rough, but it is likely that a good deal of sand has been washed in through the hole in the bottom. The longer the vessel remains on the beach the less are the chances of saving her.

Nothing has been heard from the owners relative to their final decision on the report of K. V. Kruse that the Fifield might be saved.

ATTENTION LINNEA LODGE

All members of Linnea Lodge are requested to meet at the Moose Hall, Wednesday evening, March 8, at 8 o'clock. There will be music, and refreshments will be served. Bring your friends along.

ALEX ANDERSON, President.

TO SEEK OFFICES

S. C. SMALL FOR SHERIFF AND TOM COKE FOR COMMISSIONER

Democrats to Bring Out Two Candidates From Marshfield for County Positions

It is expected that two new entries in the Coos county political arena will be announced this week, both being Democrats. Both are being urged to come out by the Democratic organization to fill out their ticket.

S. C. Small is being brought out for sheriff. Mr. Small has resided here several years and has extensive real estate holdings here besides the Coos Bay Paving and Construction Company to which he has devoted his attention. He served as sheriff and county treasurer in Montana before coming here. He is well known throughout the county and will be a strong opponent of W. W. Gage for the nomination. Mr. Gage has not formally announced his candidacy but it is generally understood that he will run.

Tom Coke, for forty-five years a resident of Coos county and former member of the Marshfield city council, is being urged to run for county commissioner and will probably enter the race. He is also well known throughout the county and will make a strong candidate.

Rust May Run.

W. J. Rust, of this city, may be a democratic candidate for county commissioner, it is said. Mr. Rust has not made any announcement himself but a number of his friends have been urging him to make the race for the nomination on the democratic ticket, holding that there should be a commissioner from this side of the county.

Mr. Rust's friends contend that on account of his long residence here and thorough knowledge of the county, and the fact that he is a civil engineer, he would be a valuable man for the county board.

Mr. Rust left today for California to look after business but will be back in a couple of weeks.

THRIFT WILL RUN

RETIRES FROM POSTOFFICE

CONTEST TO BE CANDIDATE

WHI Seek Renomination and Re-election as Assessor—Has Served Fourteen Years

T. J. Thrift, Coos county assessor who was here today from Coquille, announced that he had written Senator George E. Chamberlain withdrawing his application for appointment as postmaster at Coquille. The announcement came somewhat as a surprise, as it was generally understood among Oregon Democratic leaders that Mr. Thrift would be appointed, and had been promised the place by Senators Chamberlain and Lane and endorsed by Hugh McLain, Coos county chairman.

Mr. Thrift said that in his letter to Senator Chamberlain he stated that as he had been the last applicant to enter for the appointment, he thought that it might simplify matters if he withdrew. Anyway, after considering the proposition, he decided that the postoffice work might be a little too confining for him. The postoffice pays a little better salary than the office of assessor.

Three Others Seek It  
Three others are seeking the Coquille appointment. They are Messrs. Goodman, Leneve and Cleghorn. All have sent in strong petitions.

The term of the present postmaster has expired and the appointment will be forthcoming soon.

Bandon Also Due  
It is also expected that the Bandon appointment will be announced within a short time. At Bandon, R. E. L. Bedillion is thought to have a lead on it although J. W. Mast, Chris Rasmussen, Charles Lorenz and Wm. LeGore are strong candidates for it.

Thrift Will Run Again  
Mr. Thrift also announced that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county assessor. He is now serving his fourteenth year in that position.

Although he is handicapped by a Republican majority of 2,500 in Coos county, he believes that he can again win. He is well known and well liked throughout the county, being regarded as the strongest Democrat in this section.

WILSON WINS HOUSE TODAY

Preliminary Votes Show Big Majority Supporting the President's Stand.

DEBATE IS BITTER

Declare Report President Favored War Most "Infamous Lie" Ever Circulated.

POU STRONG IN REMARKS

Anti-Administration Forces Lose at Every Turn of Contest to Warn Americans Not to Travel On Armed Vessels On Seas.

WILSON HAS BIG MAJORITY IN HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—By a vote of 276 to 143, the House this afternoon, in accordance with President Wilson's desire, tabled the McLemore resolution to warn Americans off armed ships.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—President Wilson's stand that Congress shall not advise Americans to abandon their rights to travel on the seas on merchant ships armed for defense was endorsed in the House today by two heavy test votes on the McLemore resolution.

By a substantial majority, the administration forces defeated attempts to amend the resolution to the liking of the president's opponents and put it squarely before the House without amendment, for a vote under the special rule, at the end of a four-hour debate.

About 6 o'clock this evening, the administration forces will move to table the McLemore resolution and the heavy votes they polled in two previous tests indicate they will kill it by a substantial majority.

Once tabled, the resolution will have gone the way of the Gore resolution in the Senate. With the agitation fully disposed of, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing will resume the submarine negotiations with Germany.

Wilson Against War.

The all-day fight on the warning resolution began when Acting Secretary POU, of the rules committee, asked for unanimous consent for 90 minutes debate on the special rule. There was no objection. POU took the floor and opened the fight. "All of the imps of hell never devised a more infamous lie than the declaration that President Wilson wanted war," he declared.

Campbell, a republican, announced if the motion to close the debate on the rule was defeated, he would offer a substitute for the McLemore resolution, which would be a direct warning to Americans to keep off armed ships.

Vote Was Strong.

In quick succession today, the House rejected the proposal to allow the anti-administration amendments to the McLemore resolution, and then adopted a special rule for the consideration of the resolution itself, routing the opposition by votes of 256 to 160, and 271 to 138, respectively. Immediately after the adoption of the rule, the debate began on the resolution itself, Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee, moving to table it.

Republican Leader Mann, in a ten-minute speech, pleaded that the House defeat the rule in order that the McLemore resolution might be amended and a vote on the straight warning resolution be obtained. At 12:44 all the time for the debate on the rule had expired and the vote was called for. When the speaker put the question, there were thunderous cheers of ayes and noes, and POU demanded a roll call, which was taken.

Vote By Parties

On the proposal to allow the anti-administration amendments to the McLemore resolution, which was the crucial test, the party vote was as follows:  
For the administration—Demo-

MANY KILLED BY BATH EXPLOSION

Eighteen Dead and Others Fatally Hurt In Accident In El Paso Jail.

CHEMICALS BURNED

Prisoner Touched Match to Material Used For Cleansing City Prison.

FORTY-FOUR ARE BURNED

Nine of Victims Succumbed to Injuries This Morning and Others Are Likely to Die Soon—Coroner Investigates

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EL PASO, Tex., March 7.—Nine more victims of the disinfectant bath explosion, which yesterday burned forty-four prisoners in the city jail, died this morning. These lists of deaths brought the list of deaths to 18 and a number of the more seriously injured are expected to die.

The coroner's inquest ordered today had to do principally with the statements that the explosion was caused by the lighting of a match by one of the prisoners which ignited the disinfectant.

Seek Mexican Slayer

While the investigation was proceeding on this side of the boundary, civil and military authorities at Juarez were searching for an unidentified Mexican who boarded a street car near the Juarez race track and shot the motorman, Charles Phelps, last night, just after the report was spread that 200 Mexicans had been thrown into the jail here and deliberately burned to death. Phelps may die.

BALKS ON WILSON

REPRESENTATIVE PAGE SAYS HE WILL QUIT CONGRESS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Representative Page, of North Carolina, will not be a candidate for re-election because he disagrees with President Wilson in the submarine controversy. Page, who is a brother of Ambassador Page at London, so announced today.

WAR SPEECH MADE

SENATOR SUTHERLAND SAYS WE MUST UPHOLD HONOR.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Discussing the armed ship issue today in the senate, Senator Sutherland, republican, stood squarely behind President Wilson in his policy dealing with Germany in the submarine negotiations.

"I do not want war at any time," said Sutherland, "and I pray God it may not come now, but I would rather have war, with all its suffering, than that this nation should play potroom, because it places greater value upon its case than its honor."

Against the administration—Democrats 21, Republicans 132, Progressives 5, Independent 1, Socialist 1.

Prospects of a sensational debate attracted a record crowd to the House long before the doors opened. Men, women and children came with lunches.

The spirit of combat seemed to be in the air. Two negro barbers in the House barbershop wound up their argument by throwing toilet water bottles at each other. Both had to be locked up.

Face at Any Price

When Campbell, republican, arose to speak he read a substitute which he would propose if the motion to end the debate did not carry. The substitute in effect merely stated that Americans "ought to refrain from taking passage on armed vessels of belligerents." "There can be no great question of National rights involved in this issue," he declared. "Nor is there any great crisis involving the honor of the United States. The thing to do is to avoid war."

GERMAN FLEET PUTS TO SEA

Twenty Dreadnaughts Put Out From Kiel, According to Dispatch From Rome.

NEWS IS CENSORED

British Hold Back Report For Two Days and Reports 25 Men of War Sighted.

REPORT NO NAVAL ACTION

Battle Fleet of Kaiser Cruising in North Sea and Meaning of It Has Not Been Ascertained—May Open Naval Warfare.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ROME, March 7.—Twenty German dreadnaughts have left Kiel, according to information received here today.

The foregoing dispatch was held up by the British censor two days. Another dispatch filed in London last night, said a fleet of 25 German warships, was observed Monday in the North Sea.

BIG ENGLISH FLEET

Lord Balfour Announces Big Increase in British Navy.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, March 7.—First Lord of the Admiralty Balfour stated in the house of commons today that the tonnage of the British navy had been increased by one million tons, since the outbreak of the war, while the strength of the air division of the navy has grown ten-fold.

OXACA IS BURNED

MEXICAN CITY REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

Carranza Authorities Deny Report That Felix Diaz Has Entered Mexico to Start Revolt.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The City of Oxaca, Mexico, was burned March 5, according to information reaching the state department today from the Carranza government. It is also reported that those who have been in possession of the city have evacuated it.

The Carranza government denied the truth of the report that Felix Diaz has entered Mexico.

FLOODS GO DOWN

TRAIN SERVICE TO MYRTLE POINT RESUMED TODAY.

Streams Rapidly Receding From Freshet Stage—Report Deep Snow in Coast Range.

The high waters of yesterday have gone down. The train was able to get through to Myrtle Point and Powers today for the first time since Saturday and it is reported that the Coquille river is falling. Reports from up Coos river show that stream too has been receding and is not much above normal today. There is still about five feet of snow reported in the vicinity of Sitkum, on the mail route. The train this evening will be late because of the fact there is more freight than usual to handle.

SAYS WEDDING FEES ARE POLITE TIPS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
CHICAGO, March 7.—Wedding fees to ministers have been abolished by the official board of St. Paul Episcopal church because they are "Polite tips," it was announced today.

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RAIDER IN PACIFIC

ENGLISH SHIPPING ALARMED BY REPORT OF GERMAN VESSEL

British Steamer Niagara Reports to Honolulu That Armed Craft Is Busy There

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

HONOLULU, March 7.—British shipping in the Pacific is endangered by the presence of a German raider, warnings concerning which have been issued by the British Admiralty, according to statements of officers of the British steamer Niagara today.

MOVE FOR PEACE

SWEDEN SAYS WILSON REFUSES TO LAUNCH MOVEMENT.

Copenhagen Announces Executive Is Waiting For Request to Come From One of Belligerents.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, March 7.—A Copenhagen dispatch says it is stated in Swedish circles that the Swedish government has twice applied to the United States to obtain President Wilson's co-operation for a concerted mediation toward peace. President Wilson declined to join the movement until he is requested by the belligerents to act.

FINDS NEW TODDY

JAMAICA GINGER PUTS DONALD CAMERON DOWN AND OUT

Had 300 Three Gall Bottles When Arrested—Drinks Flery Liquid Like So Much Water

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

At the hearing of Donald Cameron, the Powers logger, this afternoon, evidence of bootlegging cropped out. Empty liquor bottles were found in his room and it seems that he had been mixing booze with lemon extract, Jamaica ginger, etc. He claimed that he bought booze around a Powers shooting gallery for \$3.00 a bottle. The authorities may make other arrests in the case.

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Jamaica ginger, of grocery store purchase, proved the downfall this morning of Donald Cameron. When Chief Carter essayed the trip with him to the Hotel de Carter, now falling into disrepute from a lack of trade, Cameron cut figure eights on the pavement and his hip pockets contained three more well filled bottles of the aforesaid Jamaica ginger which were still untouched.

Chief Carter pulled the cork of one and, cautiously putting his finger across the "bung" poured out a "wee drapple," he feared to take a regular swig of the peppery brew.

He tasted the stuff, his face twitched, he spat and he sputtered. "Lordy man. That's snake poison," he was still gasping. "That's the stuff that kills people. Maybe you'll die, too. I don't know."

But Cameron refused to stand by a prejudiced opinion. His hand reached for the bottle, longingly, and his eyes fairly danced with anticipation. "Just a little," he cried.

The bottle was snatched out of sight. "Nix," quoth the Chief. "What do you think this is, an undertaking parlor?"

And Cameron went sadly to his cell to think it over.

"You see," he explained through the bars, "my stomach has been out of whack for a day or two and I had to take something for it."

"Stomach! You haven't got any stomach. You've got an old tin boiler. There isn't a regular stomach in Coos county that can stand that stuff," was the retort.

The Jamaica Ginger is of the Rafter brand and is put up in Seattle. It is blended with Capsicum, the berry out of which cayenne pepper is made, a fact that makes it so peppery that the ordinary throat is unable to even swallow a teaspoonful of the liquid. The assertion is made that it contains a high per cent of alcohol and that the manufacture has been steadily increasing since

GERMANS CLOSE IN ON VERDUN

Start New Assault From West and Capture French Outposts During Night.

LOSSES ARE HEAVY

French Claim Kaiser Suffered Heavy Casualties in Most Recent Advance.

FORGES HAS BEEN TAKEN

French Lines Hold Except Along the Meuse Railway and Heavy Artillery Duels Continue East of Meuse and in Woerwe.

GERMANS CAPTURE VERDUN SUBURB.

BERLIN, March 7.—The war office announced today that the village of Fromes in Woerwe, southeast of Verdun, was captured this morning by Germans.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, March 7.—The attack on Verdun has shifted to the west and the Germans are now pounding way toward the fortress from beyond the Meuse, advancing along the railroad that parallels the westerly bank.

Last night the Germans assaulted and took the town of Forges, nine miles northwest of Verdun, but were prevented by the French from debauching against Cote de Ole, a height about a mile south.

Today Paris admitted that the Germans had forced their way through Forges and along the railway near Regneville, a village a mile and a half southeast. Simultaneously, the entire division attacked and captured Hill No. 265, southwest of Regneville.

Paris says the Germans suffered heavy casualties. The French lines further west have held.

Heavy artillery activity continues east of the Meuse and in the Woerwe district.

CHINESE TONG WAR ON IN SAN FRANCISCO

One Killed and Four Wounded in Celestial Theatre Last Night—Another Wounded Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Wong Loy, 71-year-old Suesy Ong man, was shot in the right arm today, following the killing of one and wounding of four Hop Sing Tong men last night in a Chinese theatre by Suesy Qug, a gunman, Wong was in his laundry when five shots were fired at him.

Later today another Bow On Tong man, Set Yit, was shot three times and probably fatally wounded.

WAND TOWED SAFELY INTO EAGLE HARBOR

Steam Schooner, Which Was Dis-masted Is Brought Into Port by Arline Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Seattle, March 7.—The steam schooner Thomas L. Wand, which was dismasted and lost her deck-load of creosote piling off Cape Flattery Sunday night, arrived at Eagle Harbor this morning in tow of the steamer Arline. She will discharge her cargo and undergo repairs.

PORTER MILL MAN BADLY HURT TODAY.

Jerry Doyle, employed at the Simpson mill at Porter, was struck by a slab this afternoon and is reported to have sustained a fractured hip and leg and other serious injuries.

the first of the year.  
Since January 1 there have been but six drunks in the Hotel de Carter, four of these having been in January. At the jail there is an air of desolation like a deserted village. The doors idly creak and and fro in the wind and not a face appears to break the monotony of the scene.