



ATTEMPT IS MADE TO WRECK BRIDGE ON CANADIAN LINE

Man Who Says He is German Officer is Arrested—Confession Alleged to Have Been Made.

CHART FOUND IN HIS POCKET

Prisoner Gives Name of Horne—Dynamite Placed on Canadian Side Partially Demolishes One of the Piers—Traffic Held Up—Investigation in Progress.

VAN CEBORO, Maine, Feb. 2.—A man giving the name of Horne and who claims to be a German officer, is being held by the authorities following an attempt early today to wreck the international bridge across the St. Croix river.

The bridge was slightly damaged. On the Canadian side the explosion of dynamite twisted a pier and train service was held up slightly until repairs could be made.

Officials say that Horne has confessed. Canadian officials are conducting an investigation into the dynamiting as it occurred on their side of the river. Whether Horne will be turned over to them is not known.

Horne is alleged to have told officers that he tried to wreck the bridge, "because it was within his rights to do so." A German flag and a chart of this section were found in his pockets.

Golfers at Pinehurst.

PINEHURST, N. C., Feb. 2.—The St. Valentine's Golf tournament, held annually here, opened today.

GERMANS DEFEATED IN POLAND CLAIMS PETROGRAD REPORT

PETROGRAD, Feb. 2.—Important victories in Poland and in the Carpathians are claimed in an official war office statement. The Germans lost 6000 killed and many more wounded and taken prisoners about Warsaw. The Russians have taken more than 4000 prisoners in the three days' fighting in the Carpathians, it was said.

The battling along the Bzura, west of Warsaw has cost Germany heavy losses, it was stated. General Von Mackensen hurled six regiments against the Russian position southwest of Sochaczew and repeated his charges for four days. His object was to cut the path toward Warsaw that would cause the abandonment of the Russian campaigns in that portion and Konigsberg. The heavy artillery tore great gaps in the German lines.

While the infantry was engaged, a force of German sappers tunneled their way nearly a hundred yards to the first line of the Russian trenches. By chance a Russian officer discovered the mouth of the tunnel and the little group of Germans were made prisoners. Two machine guns were rushed to the mouth of the tunnel and a company of Germans was slaughtered underground.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The government press bureau asserted that the Bucharest paper "Lupta" complains bitterly of acts of Russian troops who entered Bukovina. The Lupta charged that the Russians pillaged villages and ravished women and girls according to the press bureau.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Ohio cities facing serious floods. Attempt made to blow up international bridge at Canadian line. German aviators drop bombs into French villages. Wilson agrees to amendments in shipping measure. Local. State health officer declares Pendleton's water system safeguards city against typhoid. Sam Morrow named to succeed Cliff Bellinger as fire chief. Local clerk has interesting price list which contrasts cost of living today with that during civil war. Taxpayers' association makes recommendations to legislature and county court. Winter lyceum program for next year is selected.

GERMAN AVIATORS DROP BOMBS INTO SEVERAL VILLAGES

Region South of East Verdun is Attacked by Birdmen—One Non-Combatant is Instantly Killed.

60 FLYERS ARE ENGAGED

Low Clouds Protect Machines As They Cross French Lines and Circle Over Towns, Dropping Bombs—School Boy Badly Wounded—One German Captured by French.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—German aviators have hurled bombs with deadly effect in the region south of east Verdun, according to word received here. One non-combatant was killed near Pont-a-Mousson, and at Nancy a boy was frightfully maimed when a bomb was dropped in a school yard. The maternity hospital at Remiremont was slightly damaged.

News of the raids reached Paris on the heels of the announcement that a German Taube had rained 60 shells on Dunkirk. Bitter indignation was shown here over the attacks. The newspapers are demanding retaliation.

The raids were executed from Metz. At last 60 German aviators, with observers, rained bombs on Nancy, Lunéville, Remiremont and other towns within a radius of 75 miles.

Low clouds protected the birdmen as they crossed the French lines in a wood near Pont-a-Mousson. No serious damage was done to the town itself but in one of the suburbs a 49 year old man was torn to pieces. The raiders appeared next at Nancy. A rattling rifle fire from the garrison caused them to fly in wide circles about the outskirts of the city. One bomb exploded in the narrow courtyard of a school. A few minutes before, 200 children had fled indoors. A 9-year old boy, lingering behind, was struck by a fragment of a bomb which tore a gaping wound in his leg. Windows in the schoolhouse were smashed.

When the first monoplane was sighted at Lunéville, the residents took to the cellars of their homes. The Germans threw bombs at a large factory but little damage was done.

A crippled engine forced one of the raiders to descend in the open square at Lunéville where he was taken prisoner by French soldiers.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The Princess Patricia's crack regiment bore the brunt of another furious German charge west of Labasse, according to dispatches. The Canadians brilliantly hurled the enemy back with severe loss. They then made a counter attack and captured a position along the canal to Bethune which was occupied by the Germans last week.

The renewal of bloody infantry engagements between Labasse and Bethune and violent cannonading of the Belgian positions near Ypres were the principal features of today's advances from the front.

Tax Commission Abolished. OLYMPIA, Feb. 2.—The house passed three republican tax commission bills. They abolish the state tax commission and place that work with the land commissioner and wipe out executive control of the state land board and the state board of equalization.

Von Kluck's Son Killed. LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Star's Copenhagen correspondent wired that General Von Kluck's son, Egon Davall, a lieutenant in the German marines, had been killed at Middlekerke on the Belgian coast when that town was bombarded by British warships.

Billy Sunday has had to go to a voice repairer as a result of his efforts to make Philadelphia be good.

WHEAT REACHES HIGHEST POINT IN 17 YEARS IN CHICAGO MARKET TODAY

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—After a day of sensational advances which started the opening May wheat closed at a dollar sixty-five, the highest price in the board of trade pit in seventeen years. July closed at a dollar forty-three. Only four times since the civil war has wheat sold this high.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—Spot bluestem was a dollar fifty three bid, a dollar fifty four asked. Club a dollar fifty one bid, a dollar fifty three asked on the Merchant's Exchange today.

\$200,000 Given for Engineering Work



Ambrose Swasey. NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Through the gift of \$200,000 by Ambrose Swasey of Cleveland, O., engineer, scientist and astronomer, an engineering foundation for research work was founded at a meeting of the United Engineering Society and the American Society of Civil Engineers. By the deed of the gift the income will be applied to the advancement of engineering arts and sciences in all branches, for the benefit of mankind.

SAM MORROW IS APPOINTED CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

CLIFF BELLINGER DISMISSED—CHANGE COMES AS SURPRISE TO MANY.

Pendleton has a new chief of the fire department in the person of Sam Morrow, a former member of the Portland fire department. He relieved Cliff Bellinger, who has been chief since the new department was organized, on Sunday, and is now in full charge.

Bellinger's dismissal came as a surprise, although members of the fire committee state it has been under contemplation for some time. It resulted from friction between him and some of the members of the committee and the formal request for his resignation is said to have resulted from his leaving town Sunday without permission. His resignation will probably be tendered at the meeting of the council tomorrow evening and the appointment of Morrow confirmed.

The new chief has been in Pendleton for the past six or eight months and for the past two or three months has been in the employ of Acting Mayor John Dyer. Prior to coming to Pendleton, he belonged for a year and a half to one of the Portland fire companies and is said to be an efficient fireman. As chief of the Pendleton department he will also be city electrical inspector.

WILSON AGREES TO AMENDMENTS OVER SHIPPING MEASURE

Agreement Reported to Have Been Reached Between President and Independent Republicans.

PLAN MADE MORE DEFINITE

Question of Turning Ship Lines Over to Private Capital Will Be Up to Subsequent Congresses, Declares Wilson—Democratic Bolt Is Not Permanent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Ship purchase bill amendments limiting six months the length of time the government may fix minimum rates under lease and invalidating the lease itself if the terms are violated were introduced in the senate by La Follette.

It was reported the amendments represented an agreement between the president and independent republicans with whom he conferred.

President Wilson indicated later to newspapermen that he was agreeable to the changes to meet the progressive republican demands, although these shifts, he said, would be for the purpose of making the plan more definite. As to Senator Norris' proposal to make certain that no belligerent ships be purchased, the president said the senator wanted the policy defined and not a right surrendered. The executive also declared that the question of turning ship lines over to private capital will be up to subsequent congresses.

The democrat bolt, he said, did not seem to be permanent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Without taking up the ship purchase bill the senate adjourned until noon Wednesday.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL SEIZE CARGOES BOUND TO GERMANY

AMERICAN SHIPMENTS WILL NOT BE RESPECTED, IT IS ANNOUNCED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The state department was unofficially informed, it was announced, that Great Britain will seize the cargo of the steamer Wilhelmina, destined for Bremen, and all other American shipments to Germany as a result of the German government's assumption of control over food distribution.

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VILLA DENIES THAT HE HAS BEEN KILLED

EL PASO, Feb. 2.—General Villa not only denied reports transmitted to Carranza that he had died of wounds received at Aguas Calientes, but declared he had not even been shot.

German Landstrum on Duty in the War



This photograph shows a group of Prussian frontier to be assigned to members of Germany's third line of outpost duty along the vast stretches of waste that mark the boundary between Russia and Germany. A hospital van and one of the ambulance corps dogs are also shown in the picture.

OHIO CITIES THREATENED BY FLOODS

Practically Every River and Stream is Approaching the Danger Point—Rail Traffic is Demoralized—Ohio River Rising Rapidly and all Residents in the Lowlands are Fleeing to Points of Safety.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2.—More apprehension was felt here this afternoon over the flood situation in Ohio than since the disastrous floods in 1913. Heavy thaws and rains within the last 60 hours have swelled the rivers and streams out of all proportion. The Ohio is reaching flood stage at the rate of over a foot an hour.

Greatest apprehension is felt for the section between Pittsburg and Cincinnati. The water has reached near the 40 foot stage, inundating a large area, and driving 40,000 families from their homes.

The great Miami river valley is threatened.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2.—Ohio is again facing a serious flood situation.

Practically every river and stream is approaching the danger point. Wire and rail traffic is demoralized because of the high water.

A rain and sleet storm continues here today, the most serious storm in years.

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, Feb. 2.—The Ohio river is rising at the rate of 9 inches every hour.

Bridgeport, Bellairs, Martins Ferry and other Ohio valley points are facing the most serious situation in years.

Tributary streams to the Ohio are rising rapidly. All residents in the lowlands are fleeing to points of safety.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2.—Reports from Zanesville this afternoon stated that the Muskingum river is rising an inch an hour. All the bridges spanning the stream are in danger of being washed away.

At Paynesville, 20 families are isolated in the upper floors of their homes by the rampage of the Grand river.

At Uniontown, the high water has invaded the streets of the city. The Tuscarawas river is up many feet and all the towns and cities in the valley are threatened.

At Massillon, Athens, and other towns, the residents are reported to be fleeing from the lowlands.

EPIDEMIC IS NOT TO BE FEARED IN CITY SAYS WHITE

Declaring his belief that Pendleton has a water system which makes a water-borne epidemic of typhoid fever out of the question, Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer who recently made a personal inspection of the system from intake to reservoirs, has written a letter to Supt. Hayes commending the city upon its water supply and the precautions taken against the infection of the supply. His letter, which is self-explanatory, follows:

Portland, Ore., Jan. 30, 1915. Mr. F. B. Hayes, Supt. Water Commission, Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Sir: I have very carefully gone over practically the entire water shed at Thorn Hollow furnishing the supply for the city of Pendleton. By my investigations, I am convinced that it would be absolutely out of the question for Pendleton to have a water borne epidemic of typhoid fever, practically the only disease that is carried in the water.

I want to commend the city of Pendleton in procuring the volume of land in the water shed and properly fencing same. I find absolutely no condition that could in any way contaminate the supply.

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BILL REPEALING FREE TEXT BOOK LAW IS PASSED BY THE SENATE; NOW UP TO GOVERNOR

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—The senate passed the bill repealing the free text book law. The house already had passed it. Only the governor's signature is needed now to make it effective.

With but two dissenting votes the house passed the Schuebel bill strengthening the workman's compensation act. The bill amends the present law to reclassify employees ac-

ording to the hazards of their work. The game committee reported an indefinite postponement of Representative Barrow's bill forbidding the killing upland birds.

The senate passed the house bill conferring the right of eminent domain upon gas companies. It indefinitely postponed the senate bill invalidating requests to others than legal heirs.

as high class as those presented this year and the committee feels that it has secured talent which will give Pendleton people entertainment which they will appreciate.

Ralph Parlett, noted humorist, is one of the attractions scheduled for the coming year. Madame Hall Rheldaffer, a singer of even more renown than Madame Scotney, who so charmed local people a few weeks ago will also appear in concert as a lyceum number. Other musical numbers include the Oxford company and the Metropolitan Male Quartet, both high class musical organizations. The fifth number will be Bishop Hughes, a lecturer and boy man whose "Biography of a Boy" has made such a hit all over the nation.

LYCEUM NUMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR HAVE BEEN SELECTED

LOCAL COMMITTEE CLOSES CONTRACT WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF BUREAU.

The lyceum course of winter attractions for next year was yesterday afternoon selected at a conference between H. C. Herbsman, representative of the Ellison-White Lyceum Bureau, and the local committee of citizens which is in charge of the lyceum entertainments. The course will consist of five attractions fully

UMATILLA COUNTY TAXPAYERS OPPOSE SEVERAL BILLS NOW BEFORE STATE LEGISLATURE

With the intention of indicating to the legislature and the county court the sentiment of some of the taxpayers of the county upon pending measures, the Umatilla County Taxpayers' association yesterday afternoon went on record as for or against certain bills presented in the legislature and certain steps proposed by the county court.

A return to the old system of tax collection by the sheriffs was recommended by the association as a means toward greater economy inasmuch as the force of the sheriff remains the same with or without the tax collection whereas the treasurer's force is increased the year around.

Opposition was declared to the bill introduced in the house for an increase in the state road tax, also to the proposed one-half mill irrigation tax and to the bill with an emergency clause providing for an appropriation of \$450,000 for irrigation purposes.

Vigorous opposition was made to the bill providing for an annual tonnage tax upon motor vehicles used for carrying freight. This would be equivalent in the opinion of several speakers yesterday, to telling the farmers they could not use their good roads for transporting their produce without paying a tax upon the auto trucks they use. It would be a serious obstacle to the putting through of the proposed road to Cold Springs Landing, it was declared.

Endorsement was given to the Bingham bill providing that tax levies cannot be made for sums any more than a six per cent increase over the levies of the preceding year. This

was the bill which Assessor Strain publicly endorsed yesterday in the East Oregonian.

Oppose Proposed Cut. Turning their attention to the county court, the organization yesterday went on record as opposed to the proposed cut to eliminate the sharp curve just east of Pendleton and to provide a safe approach to a new bridge. Some of those present yesterday declared the cut would cost too much because of the large quantity of dirt which would have to be moved. No opposition was made to the proposed bridge.

The measure introduced in the legislature to abolish the county supervisor system came up for discussion but no action was taken. Henry J. Taylor was for going on record to abolish the supervisor, declaring such an official unnecessary, but Secretary Friedley halted action by declaring that the average taxpayer was not acquainted with the good results from the supervisory system. He recommended that the members look over the reports on file with the county superintendent before they expressed themselves.

It was voted to organize branch associations in the various communities of the county and committees will soon leave to undertake this work. The secretary was also instructed to prepare copies of a statement showing the amount of money spent on roads and bridges in the different road districts during the past year.

The secretary was also instructed to acquaint the Umatilla delegation in the legislature with the recommendations made by the association.