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Forecast for Eastern Oregon, by the United States Weather Observer at Portland.

Fair tonight; Saturday rain.

ALLIED FLEET SWEEPS PAST THE FORTS AT DARDANELLES

CONFESSION MADE TO ESCAPE BEING TREATED AS A SPY

Richard Stegler Accuses German Naval Attache With Being Responsible for Passport Frauds.

LADY CASE IS BROUGHT UP

Sacrifice of Former Resident of Omaha Made in Order That German Government Might Obtain Information at London—Stegler Was to Be Treated in Same Way.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Further questioning of Richard Stegler, a German who is being held on a charge of endeavoring to perpetrate passport frauds, developed the fact today that, through fear of being treated as a second Carl Hans Lody, he confessed to his part in a conspiracy to obtain false passports for use of German spies in England. Lody, a German spy, formerly a resident of Omaha, was shot at London Tower last November.

Stegler declared that it was Captain Boyd, naval attache to the German embassy at Washington who sent Lody to his death.

"The same officials who were responsible for Lody's activity, his capture and execution," said Stegler, "also arranged for my proposed visit to England under the name of Richard Maddon. I have been informed by my friends that Boyd is the only man who knew the details of the mission on which Lody was sent abroad."

As a result of Stegler's statement officials of the department of justice believe they now have sufficient evidence to warrant other indictments.

"The German government wanted certain information very much," Stegler told federal agents, "and I have learned I was to be offered as a sacrifice so another spy might escape with the desired information. That was the way Lody went to his."

PETROGRAD CLAIMS VICTORIES ALONG BIG BATTLE LINE

PETROGRAD, Feb. 26.—Victories at both ends of a long battle line on which the Russians are engaging the German-Austrian forces are officially claimed. The principal successes were declared to have been achieved at Stanislaw in Galicia, where an enormous Austrian force had been trying to force a crossing of the Dniester river in an effort to recapture Lemberg. The effort has been effectively checked the statement declares.

Simultaneously a formidable Russian force is declared to have advanced from Wyszok pass and to be threatening the communications of the main Austrian column. It was admitted the Germans have gained slightly south and east of Warsaw, but north and northeast of the Polish capital the Slavs have resumed the offensive and are meeting with uniform success.

5 Injured in Wreck.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 26.—Five passengers were injured, three seriously, when a Big Four special traveling at 60 miles an hour, was derailed at Templeton. Every car was torn from the trucks and two cars were practically cut in halves.

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP IS LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD

FINDING OF LIFE-BOATS IN MID-OCEAN TELLS STORY OF DISASTER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The loss of the American steamship Theodore Palmer, with all hands, was indicated in a dispatch received here by the state department from the consul-general at Copenhagen. It said that the Esbjerg, a newspaper, declared that the Swedish steamship Vala arrived and reported it had picked up in midocean on February 23 life-boats bearing the Palmer's name. The Palmer sailed from New London.

Prominent Fair Buildings at San Francisco



SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—The Arch of the Rising Sun and the Column of Progress are two of the noteworthy structures that stand out in the panorama of buildings that comprise the Panama Pacific exposition here.

GERMAN OFFICIALS INSIST BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK WITH LOSS OF 1800 MEN

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Officials still insisted today that a British transport was torpedoed recently by a German submarine in the English channel. A statement by the press bureau said 1800 British soldiers had been drowned. It was declared a report to this effect had been sent Lloyd's from Eastbourne.

Rain Hinders Operations.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Torrents of rain are hindering operations in Belgium. Field Marshal French announced. All the canals in Flanders are out of their banks. Activities are now confined to artillery exchanges. The allies and Germans have been compelled to evacuate trenches at several points because the pits were flooded.

Swedish Ship Damaged.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 26.—The Swedish steamer Svartan has arrived at Ymuiden with a big hole in the bow the victim of either a German mine or a submarine. There were no casualties.

Murderers Are Executed.

OSSINGTON, Feb. 26.—Robert Kene, Oscar Vogt and Vincenzo Campunelli, all murderers of women, were electrocuted at Sing Sing. Each left a note urging the abolishment of capital punishment. Warden Osborne will use the notes in a fight to that end.

LEADER OF PIUTE INDIANS IS REPORTED TO BE DEAD

WOUNDS RECEIVED AS HE TRIES TO ESCAPE RESULT FATALLY.

MONTICELLO, Utah, Feb. 26.—News has reached here that Joven, son-in-law of Old Polk, leader of the renegade Piutes is dead from wounds received when he endeavored to escape Marshal Nebeker's posse a few days ago. The sheriff of San Juan county has left Bluff with five Indian prisoners. A heavy guard accompanied them. More than 150 friendly Indians have been rounded up by Nebeker's posse and started toward the Piute reservation.

Senate Confirms Postmasters. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The senate confirmed the following postmasters for Oregon: Albany, C. H. Stewart; Baker, John G. Foster.

Town Nearly Destroyed. MANDAN, N. D., Feb. 26.—A telephone message received told of the almost complete destruction by fire of Mandan, North Dakota. At last reports the fire was still raging.

3 Perish on Carib.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Consul General Listoe at Rotterdam, advised the state department that three men perished when the Carib struck a mine and sank.

Sailings Not Cancelled.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Officials of the International Mercantile corporation, operating the White Star and Red Star lines, denied they had received notification from the British admiralty that all sailings to New York from Liverpool, Glasgow and London have been temporarily suspended.

United States assumes the attitude of big brother toward European situation. German officials insist British transport with 1800 men has been sent to the bottom. Warsaw threatened by two German armies.

Odd Fellows will meet at Pilot Rock next year. School Supervisory system to be abolished next July probably. Pasco wants Pendleton to join in Cello celebration at that point. Farmer stricken with paralysis. Columbia Road gets setback.

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BIG BROTHER ROLE IS BEING PLAYED BY UNITED STATES

Interests of American Shipping to be Put in Background in Future Dealings With Belligerents.

SELFISH MOTIVES TABOOED

Object of This Country is to Convince European Nations of Earnestness of Demands—Rights of American Shippers, However, Will be Protected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The United States is now enacting the role of the "big brother" to Germany and England, administration officials claimed in discussing the diplomatic situation growing out of the belligerents' "hunger war."

"The mailed fist of 'strict accountability' which was shown in the recent protest has been withdrawn and the humanitarian idea hereafter will be advanced in the American negotiations."

As a result of England's veiled taunts that the United States has adopted an attitude of "dollar diplomacy," the administration hereafter will relegate to the background in its negotiations the interests of American commerce.

It is hoped the Belligerents will be convinced that the United States is not acting through selfish motives.

The United States expects to protect the rights of American shippers but it wishes to act in these cases from the standpoint of a desire to benefit humanity in general rather than get whatever material benefit would accrue to American commerce. One of the chief concerns of the president and his advisers in the present situation is the fear that if the belligerent nations adopt a policy of retaliation against each other such measures would know no bounds. The well grounded principles of international law, hitherto universally accepted, might be distrusted or ignored altogether in the heat of passion which such retaliatory measures might engender.

I. O. O. F. WILL HOLD NEXT CONVENTION AT PILOT ROCK

DISTRICT MEETING AT WESTON YESTERDAY DECIDES PLACE FOR NEXT YEAR.

Pilot Rock will be the scene of the next Umattila county district convention of the I. O. O. F. lodge, which will be held on February 10, 1916. This was the decision reached yesterday at the convention held in Weston, a convention that was attended by more than 500 Odd Fellows. It was also decided to hold the anniversary picnic at Milton this year. This anniversary falls upon April 26.

George W. Done of Pilot Rock, was chosen president of the district association for the ensuing year and M. L. Wats of Athens, vice president. George Sanderson of Freewater was re-elected secretary and G. W. Bradley of Pendleton was again chosen as treasurer.

In the first degree work competition last evening between the drill teams of the Weston and Freewater lodges and Integrity lodge of this city, the Freewater lodge carried off the first honors and also two of the individual prizes. John Irons of that lodge was selected as the best now of the same lodge as the best David. C. P. Miller of Integrity lodge of Pendleton was chosen as the best Jonathan and Dupuis of Weston as the best King Saul.

The convention was one of the most successful ever held in the county. Pendleton sent a delegation of 50 to Weston and Walla Walla sent a delegation of 200 on a special train. Every lodge in Umattila county had representatives there.

The program of the day was carried out practically as arranged. J. S. Norvelle of Helix being unable to attend, his place on the program in the morning was taken by Supt. I. E. Young of this city, while M. L. Wats filled his place on the board of judges. Joe Bailey of Echo and Henry Groth of Milton were the other two judges.

One of the best speeches of the day was made by Judge William Galloway, grand master of Oregon. Two past grand masters, R. Alexander and H. J. Taylor also made speeches.

AND BATTERIES ARE NOW BEING ENGAGED ALONG THE STRAITS

MAIN TURKISH FLEET IS NEAR

No Resistance Yet Offered But Decisive Naval Battle is Expected if Anglo-French Squadron Batters its Way Past Chain of Forts Lining Both Sides of the Waterway--News of Victory Over Outer Fortifications Received in London With Great Joy.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Peculiarly mine-sweepers, the Anglo-French fleet moved past the forts at the Dardanelles, which have been reduced after several days shelling, and opened a terrific bombardment on the land fortifications along both sides of the straits. According to dispatches from Athens the bombardment is being carried out with much vigor on the part of the fleet.

No resistance has yet been offered by the main Turkish fleet which is lying in Niagara Road, 25 miles away in the narrowest part of the waterway.

If the allied warships succeed in battering their way past the chain of forts lining both sides of the waterway, the most decisive naval battle of the war is likely to be fought.

The announcement by the admiral that the outer forts of the Dardanelles have been reduced was received with wild enthusiasm here.

It was admitted, however, that the greatest obstacles in the plan to sweep the Turks away and capture Constantinople, remain to be met. The channel is heavily sown with mines and there is also an almost endless chain of forts to be encountered. The greatest importance is attached to the position of the allied warships in this effort to capture the Ottoman capital.

ATHENS, Feb. 26.—One British battleship and two French cruisers were damaged in yesterday's bombardment of the Dardanelles outer forts, a Constantinople dispatch asserted. No mention is made in the message of the reduction of the forts. It was declared the fleet retired after shelling the forts on the Asiatic side for several hours.

ONE BIG CELEBRATION AT PASCO PROPOSED IN PLAN OF CELILO CANAL OPENING

SCHEME WOULD BE BETTER IT IS THOUGHT THAN SEPARATE OBSERVANCES.

An urgent invitation to join with Pasco, Kennewick and all other points in the upper Columbia basin in the celebration of the opening of the Celilo canal rather than to have separate celebrations at each point is the latest development in the proposal to observe fittingly the formal opening of the canal. A letter was received by the Commercial association this morning from A. J. Elrod, secretary of a Pasco-Kennewick committee, asking that Pendleton join in one big celebration at Pasco.

Because of the short period of time allotted each point on the river for entertaining the down-the-river excursion, Mr. Elrod suggested that it would be impracticable to prepare celebrations on any scale at every town. It would be much more practicable, he thinks, to have one large celebration at Pasco and suggests that a committee from that city come here to discuss the matter with Pendletonians. The expense of a celebration such as he proposes would be borne by Pasco and Kennewick, he states in his letter.

The matter has not yet been given consideration by the directors of the Commercial association.

PLAN FOR ROAD TO THE COLUMBIA GIVEN SETBACK

The failure of the legislature to enact any good roads legislation is proving embarrassing to the Cold Springs farmers in connection with their move for a road to the Columbia river. It was their hope that the Brown good roads bill or some similar measure would pass so that highways could be built with the expense borne jointly by the district affected, the county and the state.

As matters stand it is uncertain whether there is a law under which such a road as is desired may be built even if the farmers interested should be willing to cooperate with the county by forming a district to pay a large portion of the expense. They are having this matter investigated by an attorney and the committee is planning for a meeting within the near future to discuss the situation.

Members of the committee were expecting that some good roads legislation would be enacted and express disappointment over the outcome. However, they are hopeful a way may yet be found whereby the road to the river may be built.

It is desired to have a road to the Columbia so that wheat of the Cold Springs region may be hauled to the river after the boat lines are established. At present the farmers have to haul their wheat uphill to Myrick at a considerable expense.

Becker Denied New Trial. NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Becker was denied a new trial by state supreme Justice Weeks today.

NEWS OF DARDANELLES IS BLOW TO WHEAT MARKET

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—News that the Anglo-French fleet has destroyed the outer Dardanelles forts and was threatening the whole strait, played havoc with the wheat market. May opened at a dollar fifty-one and July at a dollar twenty-one. Heavy losses overnight. Wheat sagged later but recovered somewhat in the afternoon. May closing at a dollar forty-nine and a quarter and July at a dollar nineteen and three-fourths.