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BRITISH WARSHIP BADLY DAMAGED IN ZEPPELIN ATTACK

German Embassy at Washington Gives Out Statement Regarding Recent Air Raid on England.

FINNISH STEAMER IS SUNK

Crew Believed to Have Been Saved—Danish Steamer Is Seized by German Cruisers—Two Norwegian Barks Reported to Have Been Attacked in Baltic By a Submarine.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—According to reliable information a British battleship was seriously damaged in the last Zeppelin attack in the Tyne district, a statement by the German embassy declared. The statement referred to the second raid by German airships on England last week.

Finnish Steamer Sunk.
STOCKHOLM, April 24.—A submarine sank the Finnish steamer Frack in the Baltic, it was learned. The crew is believed saved. The Frack was a small vessel carrying iron.

Danish Steamer Seized.
COPENHAGEN, April 24.—The Danish steamer Nidarna, carrying a cargo of dairy products has been seized by a German cruiser and taken to Sylt, according to advices received here. The Nidarna was bound to Grimby, England.

Norwegian Barks Attacked.
LONDON, April 24.—Two Norwegian barks, the Oscar and the Eva, are believed to have been attacked by a German submarine in the North sea. A Danish steamer arriving reported sighting the Oscar sinking and the Eva afloat.

LONDON, April 24.—The crew of the steamer Ruth, sunk by a submarine on Wednesday, landed at Leith today. The men were adrift in small boats for 12 hours before being picked up by passing vessels.

BETTER SECURE TICKETS IF YOU PLAN RIVER TRIP

LOCAL PEOPLE WHO CONTEMPLATE GOING SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS NOW.

Pendleton people who want to make the trip down the Columbia in the Umatilla county steamer on May 2 will be wise if they secure their tickets now, for at this time it is certain that someone is going to be disappointed at the last. The boat will only accommodate 200 passengers and the tickets are being purchased so rapidly in other parts of the county that the supply allotted to this city is being drawn upon by other towns. Umatilla has sold out her original allotment and has sent for 20 more tickets. Pendleton was originally allotted 100 tickets but that number has been cut down by the demands from other sections. The committee intends following a policy of "first come, first served" and will not be responsible for disappointments that will follow tardy action. Tickets here are on sale at the Pendleton Drug Co.

The committee has received assurance from the Round-up directors that they can use 150 of the Round-up cots on the boats. Blankets and pillows will be shipped up from Portland so that sleeping accommodations will be provided for all who attend the Umatilla celebration.

CORVALLIS MAN IS FOUND MURDERED NEAR HIS HOME

WILL PURDY, 40, STARVED JUST BELOW HEART—COMPANION IS BEING HELD.

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 24.—The body of Will Purdy, 40, was found early today outside the window of his home by two section men with a wound, evidently made with a knife, in his left breast below the heart. George Avery, 61, who is said to have been last seen with Purdy, is held pending an investigation. Indications were that after being stabbed Purdy jumped from the window. Every and Purdy were said to have been drinking together last night.

Ottoman Secretly Executed.
CAIRO, Egypt, April 24.—Mohammed Kpali, arrested recently following an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate the newly appointed sultan, was privately hanged in prison it was announced.

Litigants in \$50,000 Libel Suit



William Barnes, Jr. Theodore Roosevelt.

This photograph shows William Barnes, Jr., former chairman of the republican state committee of New York and leader in the successful fight against Theodore Roosevelt in the republican national convention of 1912, and Mr. Roosevelt as they appeared in Syracuse, N. Y., ready for the trial of the suit of the former for \$50,000 for libel. The two did not pose together. In fact, for the first day of the session of the court they did not notice each other.

Mr. Barnes bases his action against Mr. Roosevelt on a statement made by the latter on July 22, 1914, prior to the direct primaries, held to select candidates for state offices in New York. The colonel said on that occasion: "In New York state we can see at its worst development of the system of bi-partisan boss rule. The outcome of this system is necessarily that invisible government which the progressive party was in large part founded to oppose. It is impossible to secure the economic, social and industrial reforms to which we are pledged until this invisible government of the party bosses working through the alliance between crooked business and crooked politics is rooted out of our governmental system."

Mr. Roosevelt stated also that the

two older political parties were completely dominated by Mr. Barnes and Mr. Murphy. He asserted that "this rottenness" was due to the cooperation of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Barnes, acting through Governors Dix and Glynn; that "the interests of Mr. Barnes and Mr. Murphy are fundamentally identical, and that when the issue between popular rights and corrupt and machine ruled government is clearly drawn the two bosses will always be found fighting on the same side openly or covertly, giving one another such support as can with safety form the all-powerful invisible government which is responsible for the maladministration and corruption in the public offices of the state."

Colonel Roosevelt's answer is a document of 113 printed pages, and goes back into political history as far as 1896. The answer repeats that general corruption existed in the state departments.

Colonel Roosevelt further contends that he had a right to criticize individuals and events, and that his comment and criticisms were fair and privileged.

\$1.64 ASKED FOR MAY WHEAT AT CHICAGO PIT

PORTLAND CLUB QUOTATIONS TODAY GIVEN AT \$1.25 1-2—BLUESTEM \$1.30 1-2.

CHICAGO, April 24.—(Special.)—For May wheat a \$1.64 1-2 was asked today. For July a dollar thirty-nine and seven eighths was bid and for September a dollar twenty-eight and three quarters was bid.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24.—(Special.)—Local wheat quotations today were club, a dollar twenty-five and a half; bluestem a dollar thirty and a half.

U. S. Attitude Unliked.
COPENHAGEN, April 24.—That Germany does not believe in the protestations of loyalty and friendship of the United States, was the statement of Count Reventlow, the noted German military critic, according to Berlin advices. Reventlow is declared to have said the United States obviously and openly is hostile and cannot expect to participate in the mediation at the end of the war.

VILLA ADVANCING WITH 30,000 MEN AGAINST OREGON

Failure of Carranzista to Follow Up Successes Gives Rebel Leader Time to Reorganize.

BIG BATTLE MAY BE NEAR

Oregon Is Said to Have Force of About 18,000 and His Position Is Dangerous—Special Representative of Wilson Is On Way Home to Report His Findings.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The failure on the part of General Obregon to aggressively follow up the crushing defeats administered to the forces of Villa has given the latter commander time to reorganize his army and today, with 30,000 men, he is advancing upon the strongholds of Obregon, according to confidential advices received here. Obregon is said to have not more than 18,000 men and to be in a hazardous position.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—It was announced by the state department that a special train has been sent from Vera Cruz to Mexico City to get Duval West, who is investigating the Mexican situation, and bring him to the coast where he can return to Washington to tell the president of conditions in Mexico.

There is a rumor that if West recommends it and Villa fails to rally his shattered armies, the Carranza government in Mexico will be recognized by the administration.

VOLUNTEERS FIGHTING BIG MICHIGAN FOREST FIRES

SEVERAL TOWNS ARE THREATENED WHEN FLAMES SPRING UP.

MARQUETTE, Mich., April 24.—Five hundred volunteer fire fighters are desperately trying to control a score of forest fires which enveloped many square miles of wooded land and threatened several populous communities. The fires have been raging several days but began spreading rapidly today, causing great alarm throughout the district.

British Gain in Africa.

CAPE TOWN, April 24.—Further gains by the British in the African fighting were announced today. Following an engagement at Keetmanshoop reinforcements were brought up and the retreating Germans are being pursued. Kabus is occupied by the British.

WILSON WILL NOT TAKE CHARGE OF BANK CASE

DENIAL MADE THAT PRESIDENT WILL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO IN RIGGS CASE.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Reports that President Wilson personally had taken charge of the government's case against the Riggs National bank here in which the bank is charged with certain irregularities by the treasury department was emphatically denied at the White House. The pressure brought to bear on the bank because of alleged irregularities resulted in an injunction suit being filed against Secretary McAdoo and John Skelton Williams, comptroller of currency. Suggestions that political issues would arise as a result of charges that McAdoo and Williams were seeking to wreck the institution have circulated since the suit was filed.

Terre Haute Mayor Impenched.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 24.—Mayor Don Roberts of this city, convicted of election frauds, was impeached by the city council. The vote was seven to three. Roberts has been sentenced to a term in the federal prison, but he is appealing for a new trial and refused to resign.

Battle Costly in Shells.

LONDON, April 24.—During the Battle of Neuve Chapelle last month as much ammunition was expended as was used during the entire Boer war, according to a statement made in the House of Commons by Chancellor of the Exchequer, David Lloyd George.

The Boer War lasted two years and nine months. Having protested that they will consider peace on no terms but their own, the belligerent nations naively ask: "What terms are offered?"

G. Simms Freed Charge of Lay of "Cyrus Noble"

JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL—TEMPLE CASE CONTINUED NEXT TERM.

A jury this afternoon about 2 o'clock brought in a verdict of acquittal in the case of the State vs. G. C. Simms, charged with the larceny of "Cyrus Noble" one of the Round-up buckers. John F. Temple, Jr. who was jointly indicted with Simms and whose case was set for trial immediately following, this afternoon secured a continuance of the case for the term on the grounds that material witnesses were missing. This means that he will not be tried until September.

The Simms jury went out just before noon but did not deliberate much until after 1 o'clock. At 1:30 they came in and requested the testimony of G. E. Scott, who was custodian of the Round-up horses but who testified that he thought "Cyrus Noble" a stray because of the fact that he was in another field than that in which the other bucking stock were. After retiring to the jury room they soon reached a verdict. L. A. Esteb defended Simms and pleaded that he had been made the catspaw of others.

The state introduced several witnesses tending to show that Simms had a guilty knowledge of the larceny and that he was not, as he claimed, an innocent agent of Temple. J. D. Huston, horse buyer, told of being approached by Simms who told him that he had a horse in the country to sell. The testimony further showed that the defendant had gone to the Glen Scott ranch, given an assumed name and taken the horse away. It also showed that he had turned the horse over to Huston, accepted a check for \$100, cashed the same and spent a portion of the money over the bar. The balance he had divided with Temple, the state contended and with a third party under directions from Temple. A friend of the defendant named Woodruff was placed upon the stand by the state and proved to be an unwilling witness. However, before he finished he had admitted overhearing a conversation between Temple and Simms in which it was agreed to divide the proceeds of the sale. Woodruff appeared before the grand jury, it is said, and was not so reluctant to tell his story. Another witness for the state was T. D. Taylor, sheriff and president of the Round-up. He told of taking Simms into custody and of the different stories defendant had related concerning how he came to have the horse in his possession.

The defense undertook to show that Simms was a catspaw for Temple and others and that he had acted as an agent for them in an innocent way. John Barleycorn was also assigned as one of the causes for the young man getting into the trouble.

MONTGOMERY SECURES GOOD WHEAT LAND NEAR HELIX

480 ACRES PURCHASED FROM J. E. RINGLE—PRICE PAID IS \$55 AN ACRE.

By a deal, the record of which was made today with Recorder Burroughs John E. Montgomery, who recently disposed of his holdings in the Cold Springs county, secures 480 acres by Helix near Helix, purchasing the land from J. E. Ringle of Helix. The price paid was \$55 an acre, making a total of \$26,400. The land is good wheat land.

Saves Woman's Life.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Determined to die, Mary Dolan, 22, plunged into the surf at the end of Geary street and fought A. Gilles, a government lifesaver, when he went to her assistance. After both were nearly drowned by her struggle, Gilles brought her ashore.

Armen Raid East Prussia.

LONDON, April 24.—Soldat, Gumbinnen and Insterburg, all East Prussian towns, have been bombarded during the last two days by Russian aviators. The extent of the damage has not been reported.

German Aerial Warriors Retaliated by Dropping 150 Bombs on Ballystok and Clechanow, Russian Poland.

"Killing and wounding civilians," according to a Petrograd dispatch.

Socksies Feet Not Cold.

METUSCHEN, N. J., April 24.—"Socks are no good any way you look at them. I haven't worn a pair of socks in 29 years, winter or summer, and I have not suffered from cold feet since I stopped wearing them in 1876," said Herman Overland, 65 years old, a resident of Plainfield.

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Overland says he quit wearing socks when he had his feet frozen in 1876 while he was wearing a pair of heavy woollens. Feet without socks are more comfortable, he insists, and he says he has been without socks in Maine when the temperature was 30 degrees below zero.

GERMANS ATTEMPT TO SMASH WAY TO FRENCH SEACOAST

Reinforced With Troops Withdrawn From the East Prussian Front Kaiser's Forces Drive Allies Across the Yser and Advance Their Lines Nearly Five Miles—Canadian Troops Bear the Brunt of Terrific Fighting But are Unable to Hold Back the Advance of Teutons—German Squadron Reported Cruising in North Sea and Big Naval Battle is Believed Inevitable as the English War Vessels are Looking for Enemy.

LONDON, April 24.—The bloodiest fighting since the battle of Neuve Chapelle is now in progress between Ypres and the North sea.

Reinforced by troops drawn from East Prussia, the Germans evidently have renewed their attempt to hack their way through the allied line and reach Calais and Dunkirk.

Battling over the low country which is almost unprotected by woods or other growths the contending armies are renewing the scenes of last fall when the soil of Flanders was drenched with blood.

An official report stated that the Canadian troops bore the brunt of the German drive across the Yser which advanced the lines of the enemy nearly five miles. It is admitted that the Germans now occupy a series of trenches between Steenstraete and Langemark, but five miles from Ypres. This advance, however, it was stated, does not give the enemy a new line.

CANADIANS OUTNUMBERED

Outnumbered but far from being outfought, the Canadian troops covered themselves with glory in resisting the rush of the Germans, official dispatches reported. They were finally forced to retire when overwhelmed by numerical superiority of the attacking forces and threatened with suffocation by asphyxiating bombs hurled upon them by the Germans. Even when compelled to fall back, the Canadians saved the day for the Anglo-French forces by stiffing their defense and preventing the Germans from penetrating the main line of the allies.

That the Canadians suffered extremely heavy losses is admitted.

BIG SEA BATTLE BELIEVED NEAR

LONDON, April 24.—The official announcement from the German admiralty that a German high sea fleet is cruising in the North sea increased the belief here that one of the greatest naval battles in history is soon to be fought. A German squadron, it is stated, repeatedly has cruised in British waters without meeting the English. The English warships, however, are searching for the Germans. That a clash is inevitable if the kaiser's battle squadron continues to venture into the open, is accepted here.

Big Fleet Is Seen.

CHRISTIANIA, April 24.—The steamer Halvin arriving here reported it passed a large German fleet in the North sea west of Heligoland. The fleet was in battle formation. A submarine stopped the Halvin but after boarding the officers inspected the vessel and allowed it to proceed.

Berlin, April 24.—With Berlin newspapers bitterly criticizing the United States for refusing to put an end to the traffic in munitions to the allies in the note of Secretary Bryan to Ambassador Von Bernstorff, it was semi-officially explained the attacks do not represent the views of the government. They stand for only the popular and editorial side. It was stated.

The admiralty called attention to the fact the North sea is now cleared of the enemy with a statement that a German squadron repeatedly has cruised in British waters without meeting the enemy. It is generally believed a battle is likely in the near future and hints have been thrown out that the English will be greatly surprised by the character of the German warships.

50 KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN LOST IN AUSTIN FLOOD

MORE DEATHS ARE FEARED WHEN FULL DETAILS OF DISASTER ARE KNOWN.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 24.—Fifty are known to have perished and 29 are missing as the result of a flood which swept Austin following a cloudburst Thursday night. Friday 45 bodies were recovered. With the recession of the waters it is feared many more will be found. Twenty bridges were destroyed, streets torn up and houses flooded from the foundations. The worst of the flood has passed.

Union Man on Trial.

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 24.—With the jury completed, Assistant Attorney General Montgomery made the opening statement in the trial of John B. Lawson, union leader of the miners in the recent coal strikes in Colorado. Lawson is charged with murder as a result of the shooting of a mineguard.

Moving by parcel post is a new and grand idea which promises well for the postman.

NEWS SUMMARY

- General. Germans are making drive to reach the French seacoast.
- British battleship reported badly damaged in Zeppelin raid.
- Villa reorganized army and is preparing to attack Obregon.
- Local. Clyde Simms found not guilty of stealing "Cyrus Noble."
- Tickets for trip down Columbia selling rapidly.
- Stanfield to play in Pendleton tomorrow.
- Good roads directors are meeting here.