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WILSON'S POLICY UPHELD IN SENATE BY VOTE OF 68 TO 14

800 YARDS OF TRENCHES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY BRITISH

PARIS, March 3.—A renewal of the German attack on Verdun has convinced military experts the Kaiser's offensive is the real thing. The cost is ghastly. The German dead are strewn in woods and on hills so thickly that from a distance the fields seem covered with a strange gray and green growth. Because of the German preparations by shelling, critics believe the drive against Verdun is not a feint. They are mindful, though, of the possibility of a sudden thrust in the Champagne and Alsace sectors.

Witnesses of the struggle agree the Verdun battle constitutes the heaviest fighting of the entire war. The Germans are shooting many times more shells than the French did in the September offensive in the Champagne. The flower of the German troops are participating. Despite his losses the Kaiser must strike with his maximum strength, it is believed, or his prestige and morale will suffer. If succeeding in capturing Verdun, the war will only be prolonged. If the attempt fails the Kaiser must realize he has been definitely beaten.

Paris calmly and confidently awaits the outcome, believing in the final turn, success will rest with the tri-color.

LONDON, March 3.—The village of Dotanmont, four miles north of Verdun is now in German hands. A Berlin official statement today claimed the capture of the village with 1000 prisoners. Paris officially admitted the enemy had recaptured the town. Berlin said the Germans are now driving west and southwest from the village. Paris said the Germans suffered great losses.

The struggle for the possession of the village continues. The French claimed to have repulsed attacks east of the village of Vaux. The Germans are bombarding the region southeast of Verdun. The French fire across the Woerpe Plain prevents the Germans advancing.

German aircraft have bombarded Verdun. Berlin admitted the British gained near Ypres, the northern end of the western battle line but did not indicate the extent of the gain.

Close fighting has developed near the La Bassée canal. A French attack in the Argonne was repulsed.

LONDON, March 3.—The British have recaptured 800 yards of German trenches, causing critics to believe the German are endeavoring to draw the British fire, keeping the Germans busy away from Verdun.

Berlin admitted her operations and movement of cannon were hampered by the soggy condition of the Woerpe plain and that she has been unable to progress in the drive east and southeast of Verdun.

An unconfirmed Stockholm report said Von Mackensen, heretofore commanding the armies in Serbia and Poland, had taken direction of the western offensive, joining the Kaiser and the crown prince.

Pepper Heights are under a heavy fire, also positions westward and across the Meuse. A delayed Berlin report said a big German force had been cut off from their companions for two days by the concentric fire of French artillery. It is claimed the Germans hold Hill 344 despite lack of food, until the French surrounding it were repulsed.

More Money Needed to Secure Location of Harvester Plant

Since the publication of the list yesterday a total of \$900 more has been secured for the Blewett Harvester Co., and the committee on work on the job are anxious to secure the remainder of the money needed within the next day or two, so that the establishment of the plant here may be fully assured.

Among those signing up since yesterday are Mrs. Joe Murphy, R. M. Sawtelle and Gritman Bros. Two other subscriptions have also been made but not yet signed up with the committee.

The sum yet to be subscribed to locate the harvester plant here still amounts to approximately \$5000 and it will be necessary to secure this amount quickly or there is danger the enterprise may yet fail.

New York Yacht club syndicate may take over the controlling interest of the Horshoff shipbuilding yards at Bristol, R. I.

NINE GOVERNORS SHOW FAITH IN WILSON POLICY

Replies Received to United Press Query Indicate Sentiment of the American People Toward Crisis.

CONGRESS SHOULD KEEP OUT

Withcombe Declares Hands of the President Should Be Upheld in Matters Pertaining to Foreign Relations—Country Must Stand United Over Question.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Replies of seven democratic and two republican governors to the United Press query, indicate the American people do not believe congress should take a hand in the international situation. The following query was sent every governor this morning: "We are requesting all governors to give interpretation of public sentiment in their states on the course congress should take in Wilson's letter to Representative Ford requesting a vote on the resolution to warn Americans from armed ships. Would you greatly appreciate your statement."

Some thought it unwise to make comment. Withcombe of Oregon said: "At this time of international crisis I believe congress should uphold the hands of the president, who essentially must administer matters pertaining to foreign relations."

Alvander of Idaho, replied: "The issue should be forced and congress should show the world America stands united with the president in sustaining the laws built through centuries, but threatened with destruction in the European chaos and war passion."

Stewart of Montana, said: "Montanans generally sympathize with the president and sympathize with his efforts to prevent involving America in the war. Trusting his wisdom, that are not disposed to rock the boat."

BILL ENDORSED TO MAKE BATTLESHIPS ON SOUND

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The senate naval committee unanimously reported the bill to appropriate two million, sixty-five thousand to equip the Puget Sound navy yard for battleship construction.

Handling Grain in Bulk to be Discussed at Meeting of Farmers Tomorrow Afternoon

A meeting has been arranged for tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Farmers Grain Agency here, when the subject of elevators and the handling of bulk wheat will be discussed. All farmers and others interested have been urged to attend.

Owing to the present price of sacks the war clause in the contracts and the embargo on jute, the matter of handling in sacks will be an expensive as well as a precarious one for the wheat rancher. It is said that the price of sacks for one year under the present conditions would build wooden granaries on the farms. In two years the farmers would be able to buy steel tanks and in four years they would be enabled to build concrete granaries. After that, the expense of handling grain would be one-quarter the old method.

At a recent meeting of the County Farmers Union of Wasco county the subject of handling grain in bulk was discussed by various speakers.

Louis Delevoux of Spokane was present and addressed the gathering. Mr. Delevoux is alevator architect and spoke in favor of handling grain in the bulk, stating that the cost of handling grain is cut down to one quarter as much as handling in sacks, and that a conservative estimate of the cost of handling in the bulk is one half per cent per bushel. He said James J. Hill thinks that this may be reduced to one quarter cent per bushel if the grain is properly handled. He

Attempt Made to Wreck Paper at Providence

EXPLOSION OCCURS IN JOURNAL PLANT; BELIEVED WORK OF ANTI-ALLES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 3.—Investigation of a fire and explosion in the Providence Journal plant last night convinced the authorities today that anti-ally agents are visiting retribution upon the paper for the recent exposure of Austrian and German activities. The damage was comparatively small.

Zeppelin Falls Injuring Many

BIG GERMAN AIRCRAFT IS BROUGHT DOWN BY ARTILLERY FIRE.

LONDON, March 3.—A Zeppelin, evidently hit by artillery, fell at Eschze February 21, damaging a house and injuring 18 children, an Amsterdams report today said. Another fell at Malsbault.

Milton School is Victor in Debate

TWO TO ONE DECISION IS GAINED OVER TEAM OF ATHENA HIGH SCHOOL.

ATHENA, Ore., March 3.—(Special)—Athena high school was last evening eliminated from the county championship debating contest when the Milton high school team won a two to one decision at a joint debate held in the local school house. Milton's victory entitles her to meet Ferndale for the east end championship and the winner of this debate will meet the Stanford team for the county championship.

Milton last evening took the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of military training and service." The debate was very close throughout. The Milton team was composed of Ruth Steen, Lloyd Still and Romeo Hobbs, the Athena team of Henry Koepke, Zola Keen and Francis Fear. The rebuttal arguments were made by Messrs. Hobbs and Koepke.

The judges of the debate were Judge J. W. Maloney of Pendleton, Prof. Harrah of Adams and Merle H. Chessman of Pendleton. Prof. Washburn of Milton, presided. Owing to the stormy weather, only a small audience was present.

Snow in Mountains Nearly 5 Ft. Deep

HAS THICK CRUST AND WILL BE SLOW IN MELTING. CLARE REPORTS.

There is now between three feet and a half and five feet of snow in the mountains of the south end of the county and it is thickly crusted over so that the probabilities are that it will be late and slow in melting, according to a report brought in to the office of the forest supervisor by Ranger F. V. Horton who has just returned from taking a monthly reading of the snowstakes.

He found the deepest snow at the head of California Gulch where it had drifted some. The stake read 60 inches there. At the head of Pearson creek there was 42 inches and on Granite Meadows 44. Ranger Allison reports 44 inches at Pearson's Meadows.

Ranger Horton made his way as far as the Gulley ranch on a horse and from there went on snow shoes. Because of the heavy crust he was able to travel fast and made good time. He made the trip on the first and it snowed hard all night. When he left there was eight eight inches of fresh snow on top of the crust. He is of the opinion that considerable snow has since fallen on the range.

MAN CONFESSES HE FIRED HOUSE HERE YEARS AGO

Resident of North Yakima Writes to District Attorney Steiwer Admitting He is Guilty.

SAYS HE'S "SEEKING LORD"

Desired to Be Rich With God and Man; Home Burned About Eight Years Ago But He Forgets Man's Name Who Owned Place; District Attorney to Investigate.

Having become a religious convert and desiring to set himself "right with God and man," Ulyse Besancon of North Yakima, has written to District Attorney Frederick Steiwer confessing that eight years ago he set fire to a residence in this city. He states that he cannot remember the owner of the house but locates it in the southeastern part of the city.

The district attorney has answered the letter with a request for further information relative to his confessed crime. Inasmuch as the man has left the state it is probable that the statute of limitations has not run, leaving him still subject to prosecution.

His letter of confession reads as follows: To the Prosecuting Attorney at Pendleton, Ore.

Dear Sir:—I, Ulyse Besancon, wants to make a confession of burning a residence in the southeastern part of Pendleton about eight years ago. I have forgotten the man's name who owned the house.

I am seeking the Lord and want to be right with God and man is the reason for this confession.

I am guilty of the deed. My address is No. Yakima, Wash 103 First St. N. Salvation Army Bldg.

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NEWS SUMMARY

General.
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Local.
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Farmers to meet tomorrow to discuss handling grain in bulk.
H. I. Watts out for district attorney.
Milton defeats Athena in debate.

Gore Resolution Warn Americans off Armed Ships of the Allies is Tabled Amid Scenes Unparalleled Since Declaration of War with Spain; President Given Free Hand in Dealing with Foreign Question

Local School Bonds Resold at Par by the First National Bank

VIEW HELD UMATILLA COUNTY CAN GET ROAD BOND MONEY AT FOUR PER CENT.

That the bond market is in the most favorable shape in many years may be seen from the fact the First National Bank of Pendleton recently sold at par the \$100,000 Pendleton high school bonds, drawing four and a half per cent interest. The bonds were sold to the Lumbermen's Trust Co., of Portland.

The First National purchased the bonds at the time the high school was constructed several years ago. The interest rate was such that for several years the bonds could not have been moved at par. However, the financial situation is now so flourishing that an offer to take the bonds was recently made to the bank and it was accepted.

The sale of the school four and a half per cent bonds at par is of interest in view of the proposal to bond the county for good roads. As the bonding proposition will go before the people it will specify the bonds shall draw not more than five per cent interest. In the view of men well informed it should be possible to sell Umatilla county road bonds drawing four per cent interest. The security back of the bonds will be much greater than the security for the school bonds. The size of the bond issue will also be advantageous with reference to the sale on favorable terms.

NEW SYSTEM WORKED OUT IN STANDINGS AT HIGH SCHOOL

REPORTS PREPARED ON AVERAGE OF EACH STUDENT DURING THE SEMESTER.

A new system has been worked out in the high school by Prof. Gambee, in the standings of the students at the end of each quarter through the semester.

Each person knows just where he stands with his fellow student. Mr. Gambee prepares a report in which the average of each student is given and also the average of each class in school. This report is read before the student body assembly and mention is made of those making high grades under special conditions. This report also acts as an incentive to the students to do better work.

The highest average was made by Nellie Sloan. She received 95 for an average and carries a great deal of extra work. Hazel Strain and Pearl Taylor also received 95.

The following students received 94 for an average: Natalie Ferguson, Sybil Farley, Helen Mims, Henry Lavinka, Randolph Mott and Emily Quant.

There were seven seniors and 19 juniors who had an average below 90 per cent.

The school average stands at 82 per cent.

The class averages were: Commercial, 89.5 per cent; normal, 85.7 per cent; seniors, 84.7, sophomores, 84.9 per cent; juniors, 80.6 per cent; freshmen, 78.9 per cent; freshmen 1, 77 per cent.

Experiments in Italy seem to indicate that tomatoes planted in vineyards kill the insects that cause phylloxera in grapevines.

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UNHAPPY INTRIGUE WITH MARRIED MAN LEADS TO SUICIDE

PRETTY NADINE VELGUTH TAKES HER LIFE AFTER VAMPIRE CAREER.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 3.—Driven to desperation by an unhappy intrigue with a Portland business man who she recently learned is married, Nadine Nicholas Velguth, once known as "the California Beauty," shot and killed herself yesterday afternoon at 2:15 in the hallway on the seventh floor of the Journal building.

She fired one shot from a 32-caliber automatic through her chest, just to the left of the exact center. The revolver was held under her coat so that the sound was muffled. That she took deliberate aim was certain.

The bullet passed entirely through her body and was caught in her clothing. She fell within ten feet of the door of the office of the Warren Construction company close to the elevator. Death was a matter of moments. Coroner Dammasch said it was without question a case of suicide.

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