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WEATHER. Tonight and Sunday rain. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER DATA. Maximum temperature, 59; minimum temperature, 39; rainfall 0; wind, west, light; weather cloudy, threatening.

DODD'S CAVALRY DRAWING CLOSE TO VILLA FORCE

Two Hundred Bandits Said to be in Santa Clara Canyon With American Troops in Pursuit.

TELEGRAPH WIRES ARE DOWN

No Communication South of Casas Grandes, United States Soldiers Suffer From Cold During the Night; Mormon Colonies Along Route Supplying Men With Food.

EL PASO, Texas, March 25.—Villa's main force of 200 men are in Santa Clara Canyon, 30 miles from the western entrance with Dodd's cavalry close upon them, Gavira asserted in a statement to the United Press today. The Villistas have cut all the telegraph wires south of Casas Grandes.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Mexico, March 25.—After a week of blazing hot days and cold nights, a cyclonic wind swept from the west, carrying sleet, snow and sand. The men suffered from cold more than the sand. The loose silt sifted through the tents into the baggage and impregnated the food. Sometimes it was impossible to see ten feet owing to the sand. The wind started yesterday noon and is still blowing.

The detachments operating south and southwest are moving rapidly with dry weather prevailing. There has been no communication with them for some time owing to the inability of airplanes to fly in the shifting winds. Mormon villages nearby are furnishing the soldiers with chickens, preserves, candy, tortillas and chile. They get good prices. A postoffice has been established, with the hospital corps. Transportation from the border is working fine. The men are cheerful but anxious to get a chance at Villa.

MEXICO CITY, March 25.—Reports that Carranzas are joining Villa were officially denied at Queretaro. General Obregon admitted that trouble might develop through the continued presence of American troops in Mexico. He said enemies of the defacto government on both sides of the border were trying to force intervention. He hoped for Villa's speedy capture so the American soldiers can leave the country. Reinforcements have been sent to western Chihuahua where forces are reported engaging Villa.

JURY PANEL IS DRAWN FOR U.S. DISTRICT COURT HERE

30 MEN SELECTED AT PORTLAND FOR TERM TO OPEN APRIL 4.

A jury panel of 30 men, to sit as trial jurors during the Pendleton term of the United States district court, which opens at Pendleton at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, April 4, with Judge Bean presiding, was drawn in the Federal court here yesterday, says the Portland Oregonian. The United States court will hold its sessions at Pendleton in the court room of Circuit Judge Phelps.

Following are the names of those drawn in the jury panel, all of them being residents of Umatilla or Union counties:

- J. H. Adams, farmer, Alice; A. V. Aughey, farmer, North Powder; Hugh J. Bell, farmer, Helix; Fred M. Brown, farmer, Adams; J. J. Carr, merchant, La Grande; W. M. Cockrell, farmer, Union; J. L. Cross, farmer, Elgin; L. J. Ferguson, farmer La Grande; J. W. Earle, salesman, La Grande; George W. Gross, farmer, Athens; Claude Huffman, farmer, Cove; J. E. D. Kall, farmer, Cove; J. K. Lantz, fruit grower, Cove; Martin Larson, carpenter, La Grande; Charles McAlavy, farmer, Helix; William McBride, farmer, Athens; K. J. Martin, farmer, Union; O. C. Maxwell, salesman, Elgin; R. C. Mays, lumberman, Elgin; Edward Meyerstick, farmer, La Grande; John Molestrom, farmer, Pendleton; W. A. Ogden, farmer, Cove; R. A. Pursell, capitalist, Union; G. W. Ruckman, farmer, Alice; Charles E. Spence, farmer, Milton; L. A. Stoop, merchant, Elgin; H. A. Watson, insurance, La Grande; F. F. Whitshire, sheepman, North Powder.

Republicans in Secret Gathering. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Plans to demand more troops on the Mexican border and the formation of a republican Mexican policy were discussed today at a secret conference of republican senators. Action was deferred until Monday.

Congressman Sinnott Fought and Still Fights to Secure 40 Per Cent For School Fund

In a wire to the East Oregonian today in answer to a message from this paper, Congressman N. J. Sinnott says the Portland Journal is in error as to his position, that he fought and voted to give 40 per cent of the land grant money to the Oregon school fund and will continue to fight for the school fund.

The Journal statement was contained in an editorial last evening and this morning the following message was sent Mr. Sinnott by the East Oregonian: "Journal editorial says you favor land grant money for reclamation projects in preference to school fund. Please wire statement your action, your intentions. We favor school fund." EAST OREGONIAN.

Favors School Fund.

The following reply from Mr. Sinnott was received at 12:49 today: Washington, D. C., March 25, '16. East Oregonian.

Pendleton, Ore. Journal editorial in error. I fought and voted for forty per cent for school funds but was out-voted in committee. Lenroot of Wisconsin offered reclamation fund amendment. After this carried I tried repeatedly without avail to amend this provision so that all or part at least of the part segregated for reclamation fund must be spent in Oregon. I shall continue to fight for forty per cent for counties and forty per cent for school fund. N. J. SINNOTT.

Good Roads Provide Key to Development of This County

Address by J. F. Robinson, president good roads association, at recent Commercial Club dinner.

Unless Umatilla county gets busy and permanently improves the main trunk roads we can expect no increase in population nor in the development of new industries in the rural and urban districts, no further advancement in diversified and intensified farming, for the people of the whole United States are now becoming educated to the value of good roads, and the homeseeker and developer from the east will not stop in our county, not invest his money here, until we give him transportation facilities, in the way of good roads equal, if not superior, to those offered him in the more progressive and pub-

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ATHLETIC CARNIVAL LAST NIGHT IS A BIG SUCCESS

BOYS OF HIGH SCHOOL KEEP AUDIENCE IN UPROAR OF LAUGHTER.

The athletic carnival staged last evening by the high school students proved to be the success of the season. It was the best carnival ever staged in the history of the school. The whole thing brought a continuous uproar from the audience. A large crowd witnessed the performance.

ROBBERS KILL ONE AFTER HOLDING UP A BUNKHOUSE

RANCH EMPLOYEES ARE TIED WHILE MASKED MEN GO THROUGH PLACE.

IDAHO FALLS, March 25.—After holding up a ranch bunkhouse and tying four of the occupants, two masked robbers, leaving the scene of the crime, shot and killed Wilbur Freckenridge. At one o'clock this morning George Jackson worked himself free and released his companions. He then reported to the police here. Dan Evans, a ranch employe, sustained a severe scalp wound when one robber struck him on the head with a forty-five revolver, breaking the gun.

Champion Willard and His Opponent, Moran, Who Meet in Ring Tonight



Willard, champion of the inch, at Madison Square Garden to meet Frank Moran, who is 6 feet 7 inches tall, will fight for ten rounds. The ablest referee the modern ring has known, Charles White, will referee. Willard will receive from Tex Rickard, the promoter, \$47,500 for his 30 minutes of actual fighting, and Moran a half that sum, if the official statements are to be believed.

SERIOUS CRISIS AGAIN FACED IN TORPEDO ATTACK

Reports of Loss of American Lives May Lead to Threatening Situation With Germany.

MANY PASSENGERS WOUNDED

Details of Alleged Attack on the Sussex Are Not Obtainable; Liner Englishman Carried Americans, One of Whom Is Reported Missing; Survivors Landed.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—A submarine issue with grave possibilities confronted the government today. The Sussex and Englishman cases overshadowed Mexican situation, officials made no attempt to hide the shock which the news produced. Luning called for all facts. Affidavits from the survivors of the Sussex should reach Washington Monday or Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—It is believed four Americans perished in the torpedoing of the Dominion liner Englishman, Consul Armstrong of Bristol, reported. Thirty-three survivors have been landed.

The Americans aboard the Englishman not reported saved were Peter McDonald of Boston; P. Buckley, M. A. Burke, Horseman; George McDonald of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

LONDON, March 25.—The most serious situation since the Lusitania incident is threatened in the German-American relations as a result of the alleged torpedoing of the Sussex and the sinking of the Englishman, British officials believed. Nearly 100 of the Sussex survivors have landed at Dover. Two passengers were killed outright. Dover reported one American missing, believed to be drowned.

Information concerning the number of missing from the Englishman is vague. Reports did not state where the sinking occurred. They merely said the Sussex with a probable loss of four American lives it is believed 60 were saved, altogether. (Continued on Page Eight.)

Americans are Missing After Steamer Sussex is Damaged by Explosion in English Channel

East Oregonian to Flash Returns from Big Fight Tonight

In order to provide local people with up-to-the-minute news of the big Willard-Moran fight tonight the East Oregonian will flash the results from the company's building. The Northern Pacific office will be made use of through the courtesy of Agent Walter Adams and the reports will be thrown upon the Masonic building across the street. The fight occurs in New York this evening, starting about 9 o'clock. Owing to the three hours difference in time between New York and the Pacific coast reports will begin to arrive here at about 6:30.

Two Vessels in Battle are Sunk

GERMAN RAIDER AND ENGLISH-MERCHANTMAN ARE SENT TO THE BOTTOM.

LONDON, March 25.—The admiralty announced that the German commerce raider Greif and the British merchantman cruiser Alcantara fought a battle in the North Sea February 23 and both were so badly damaged that they sank. The Greif was an unprotected cruiser of 2000 tons. The Alcantara was probably the four deck Royal Mail liner of 1500 tons.

Verdun is Burning

GERMAN ARTILLERY SET CITY ON FIRE ACCORDING TO BERLIN REPORT.

BERLIN, March 25.—German artillery has set fire to Verdun, it was officially announced. No important changes on the western front occurred last night.

50 Passengers are Believed to Have Met Death; Survivors Declare They Saw Torpedo Coming Toward Vessel Just Before Explosion; Ship Badly Damaged But Able to Get Into Port After Passengers are Transferred to Another Vessel.

(By John H. Hearley.)

BOULOGNE, via Paris, March 25.—Two Americans are missing and 50 persons are believed to be dead today as a result of an explosion which damaged the steamer Sussex crossing the English channel. Three Americans aboard declared they saw a torpedo coming toward the Sussex just before the explosion. There were at least 12 Americans aboard, including myself. The missing Americans are Elizabeth Baldwin and her father of Philadelphia. Others endangered were W. G. Penfield, a student at Oxford, Edward Huxley, Francis Drake, and Alice Ruz. Although the passengers were forced to abandon her, the Sussex arrived at Boulogne today under her own steam.

There were 330 passengers aboard when the vessel sailed from Boulogne at noon. Near Dieppe a terrific explosion occurred. I was conversing with several Americans about 4:30 when a blast shook the Sussex from bow to stern. An empty life boat was splintered and a huge fountain of water spouted over the side. Passengers standing near the rail were engulfed and hurled violently into the sea. Among these the most casualties occurred. Lifeboats were launched immediately. The Sussex listed sharply and it was feared she would sink. The passengers were panic-stricken. Women and children rushed shrieking about the stowing decks. The panic subsided when the vessel righted itself. At 11 last night the

Maria Theresa took the passengers off and landed them at Boulogne this morning.

British Ship Sunk. LONDON, March 25.—The British steamer Salybia was sunk, presumably mined. All hands were saved. Norway has demanded that Germany investigate the sinking of the steamers Lindfield and Kannike.

RELIEF SHIP WILL START TO SEARCH FOR EXPLORER

FEAR IS FELT FOR THE FATE OF SHACKLETON IN ANTARCTIC REGIONS.

LONDON, March 25.—Hasty arrangements were made today to outfit a relief ship to search for Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer whose fate is doubtful. Although reported at Sydney after Shackleton succeeded in crossing the Antarctic continent with his expedition, a garbled wireless message throwing some doubt on the story was received later from the steamer Aurora which was sent to bring him back. The dispatch said the Aurora had been damaged and was returning to New Zealand for repairs. It failed to mention Shackleton.

Pendleton Enters Contest to Name Queen of Festival

PORTLAND INAUGURATES NEW PLAN FOR SELECTING ROSE CARNIVAL QUEEN.

Pendleton has a fighting chance to name the queen of the Portland Rose Festival this year and much more than a fighting chance to select one of her own fair catchers as one of the maids at that celebration.

Through a new plan for the selection of a queen and maids for the annual Feast of Roses, candidates are to be put up over the state as well as in Portland. W. R. Crow, who is in charge of the contest, has been in the city for the past two days and has interested the Commercial association in backing a local contest.

He has conferred with the publicity and entertainment committees of the Commercial association and the Round-up directors yesterday and this morning and has so favorably impressed them with the idea that the formal proposition will be submitted to the board of managers of the Commercial association this evening.

The plan of the Rose Festival management is to choose one queen and 12 maids. Six will be chosen from Portland, the others from the rest of the state. The one receiving the highest number of votes will be crowned queen and the twelve next-highest will become maids. Each city electing a maid will be entitled to have a float in the parades. The management will donate \$200 for each float and the cities may spend as much more as desirable in making it as attractive as possible.

The idea is to have the merchants of the cities issue votes with their purchases. Coupons will be sold to them at one dollar a thousand and the more merchants enlisted in the plan the more votes there will be for the home candidate.

The Pendleton Commercial association will back the contest in this city and will see to it that there is but a single candidate from this county in order that there will be no split vote. To the end that no charge of favoritism be made, a primary election will probably be held to select the candidate from this county. Eugene has already entered the contest and has selected Miss Rita Fraley, a university senior, as her candidate.

The general sentiment of the Commercial club and the Round-up boards is that Pendleton owes Portland's Rose Festival all of the boosting that can be given in return for the splendid support given by that city to the Round-up. Incidentally, if the Round-up's candidate is a winner, the Round-up will receive some valuable advertisement at the Rose Show.

CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE JUNE 21-25

PROGRAM BEING WORKED OUT; MANY DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED.

The Eastern Oregon state convention for the Christian church is to be held in Pendleton from June 21 to 25 and the program for the gathering is being worked out here today by a committee composed of Rev. H. H. Hubbell, C. S. Swander, state secretary of the Oregon Christian missionary convention, Rev. J. A. Lord of Milton and Rev. David Errett of Athens.

The convention will be generally attended by delegates from all the Christian churches of eastern Oregon and about 150 people are expected for the meetings.

Portland Market up Very Slightly Today

CHICAGO, March 25.—(Special)—May, opening, \$1.95 3-8, closing, \$1.95 1-2. July, \$1.66 1-4, closing price the same.

Portland. PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(Special)—Merchants Exchange prices today: Club, 96 asked, 99 bid; bluestem, 96 asked, 91 bid.

LIVERPOOL. LIVERPOOL, March 24.—Wheat—No. 2 hard winter gulf, 11s 1d, No. 2 hard winter choice, 13s 1d; No. 2 red western winter, 11s 5d; northern Chicago, 12s 5d; No. 1 Durum, 13s 3d; No. 1 hard Duluth, 14s. In American terms the Liverpool price for No. 1 hard Duluth was \$2.04 per bushel.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Verdun reported set on fire by German shells.

German raider and British merchantman fight battle. Both sunk. Serious crisis feared over sinking of Sussex, with loss of American lives. Dodd's cavalry closing in on Villa.

Local. Pendleton will probably have maid at Portland Rose festival. Congressman Sinnott favors giving land grant money to school fund. East Oregonian will flash fight returns. Pilot Rock, Pendleton, Weston and Echo trying to form league. Jurors picked for local federal court term.