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WEATHER
Tonight and Tuesday, fair; heavy frost tonight.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER DATA.
Maximum temperature, 51; minimum, 42; rainfall, .07; wind, west light; weather cloudy.

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DE FACTO ARMY REPORTED TO BE HELPING BANDIT

Troops of General Carranza Are Said to be Openly Aiding Villa; Situation is Regarded Grave.

FUNSTON MAKES NO DENIAL

Communication Lines Advanced to the American Troops in Mexico Are Plainly Weak; Problem of Getting Supplies is Becoming Acute; Denied Villa Escapes.

COLUMBUS, March 27.—The army trucks arriving from the front today reported being fired upon. All escaped injury. Army engineers are building a gravel road into Chihuahua to replace the sand trail. Three hundred troops here are preparing to march to the front. Lieutenant Dargue left at Sundae for an airplane flight to the front.

SAN ANTONIO, Mar. 27.—Though Funston would not affirm reports that Carranzistas are openly aiding Villa, headquarters gave the impression that the situation is grave. The communication lines advanced by the American troops, Funston said, are pitifully weak and are becoming a menace to the expedition. The problem of supplying the Americans is becoming acute. Permission to use the railroads is a vital issue. It was emphatically denied that Villa had escaped southward through the ranks of the Americans sent over the railroad. It was declared Villa broke through the Carranzista lines and was marching through the Madera valley in the region of Babcoas.

DOUGLASS, March 27.—Though officially discredited after the border, persistent reports were circulated here that de facto government troops had succumbed to poisoned wells in the Yucatan country. A mysterious epidemic was reported recently to have ravaged the soldiers operating against the Yaquis. It was considered significant because of a rumor that 204 troops of the Fifth Brigade died from poisoned wells at Hermosillo. A better feeling between the Mexicans and Americans was noted today.

Now is the Time to Begin Sending Votes for Queen

WRITE YOUR CHOICE UPON COUPON AND DROP INTO THE BALLOT BOXES.

Have you a candidate for Queen of the Portland Rose Festival? If so write in her name upon the coupon to be found elsewhere in this paper and send it in.

Balloons may be deposited in boxes in the Pendleton Drug Store, the Tallman Drug Store, the Peoples Warehouse or Alexander's. If mailed in they should be directed to C. K. Cranston, secretary of the Commercial association.

Any girl or woman in Umatilla county over the age of 15 may become a candidate. Coupons will be run in the Pendleton papers for five issues, concluding Friday evening. The ballots must be voted by Saturday noon and the name of the successful candidate will be announced in the Saturday afternoon papers.

This contest will be in the nature of a primary to determine Pendleton's and Umatilla county's selection of a candidate for Rose queen. Once this candidate is settled upon, the voting for her will commence, next Monday being the day set for the issuing of votes by the local merchants.

These votes will be issued to the merchants by the Rose Festival management at a cost of one dollar a thousand. They will be given out with purchases or may be bought direct from C. K. Cranston who will manage the contest in this city. The local candidate will compete with candidates from Portland and other cities in the state, and, at the closing of the contest in May, the one receiving the highest number of votes will be crowned queen and the next twelve will be designated as maids. All expenses will be paid for the successful candidates, including ceremonial robes and \$200 for a float.

The board of directors of the Commercial association formally endorsed the petition as submitted Saturday by W. D. Crow, contest manager, and the merchants have decided that the Pendleton candidate will be one of the winners at the final count.

To signal time to vessels in the harbor Lisbon has erected two lights which are automatically illuminated five minutes before each hour and extinguished at the hour.

Four Cities Will be in League Here According to Plan

PROPOSAL IS YET TO BE APPROVED BY WESTON; FANS MEET TONIGHT.

Subject to approval of the Weston fans at a mass meeting this evening, the Blue Mountain League was Saturday afternoon reorganized at a meeting in this city with clubs in Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Echo and Weston. Weston is being courted by two leagues, the Blue Mountain and the East End League which would have teams in Athens, Helix, Adams and Weston.

The delegates to the meeting Saturday from Weston preferred to play in the Blue Mountain but, before committing their town definitely, wished to call a mass meeting for this evening and submit the matter to the fans.

D. R. Wood of Weston was elected president of the league at the meeting Saturday. Carl Gilbert of Echo vice president, J. N. Hoyer of Pilot Rock secretary and John Dickson of Pendleton, treasurer.

It was agreed that the schedule would call for twelve Sunday games beginning April 9 and ending June 25. The president and secretary were empowered to draw up tentative schedules at once and submit them to the various clubs for approval.

The constitution and by-laws of the league of last year was approved at the meeting. Among other things the by-laws call for the posting of a forfeit of \$50 by each club to insure the season being finished.

Already the players of the various towns are beginning to prepare for the season. Weston's team has been organized for some time under the management of Col. E. G. Lucas and is ready to play now. Pilot Rock, too, has been warming up for some time. Bert Shock will manage the team this year. Echo's old stand-bys have been tossing the horseshoe around for the past two weeks and here in Pendleton Bill McCluggage has been working some of the boys out.

Transport Sunk

FRENCH TROOP-SHIP REPORTED LOST WITH LARGE CASUALTIES.

BERLIN, March 27.—A French transport with troops from Saloniki was mined and sunk with large casualties. Athens dispatches declared.

Partly owing to the unprecedented demand caused by the war, more copper was produced in the United States last year than in any previous year in the history of the industry.

VERDUN MAY BE DESTROYED BUT NEVER CAPTURED

Germans are Hurling Incendiary Shells Into the City Which Set Fire to Many Districts.

FRENCH CAN HOLD THE FORTS

Soldiers Are Supremely Confident of Their Ability to Keep the Trenches From Taking Stronghold; Losses of Germans Increased With Every Assault Made.

(BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS)
VERDUN, March 27.—Thrice baffled in their efforts to enter Verdun, the Germans today seemingly were bent upon the city's destruction. They daily hurl large incendiary shells into the business and residential districts. I saw large fires simultaneously in private houses and trade establishments. Strategically, the city is unsalvageable. Otherwise it seems destined to become another Rheims, Arras or Ypres. The destruction of the cathedral and Bishop's palace is threatened. Three hundred and fifty shells crashed into Verdun daily. Great clouds of smoke, pierced by flashes of flames, rose over the city while the guns hammered an accompaniment.

Northeast, the crest of Donauumont under French fire, resembled Vesuvius, belching black smoke. Southern slopes, the German shells exploded. The smoke-geyzers resembled mushroom clouds.

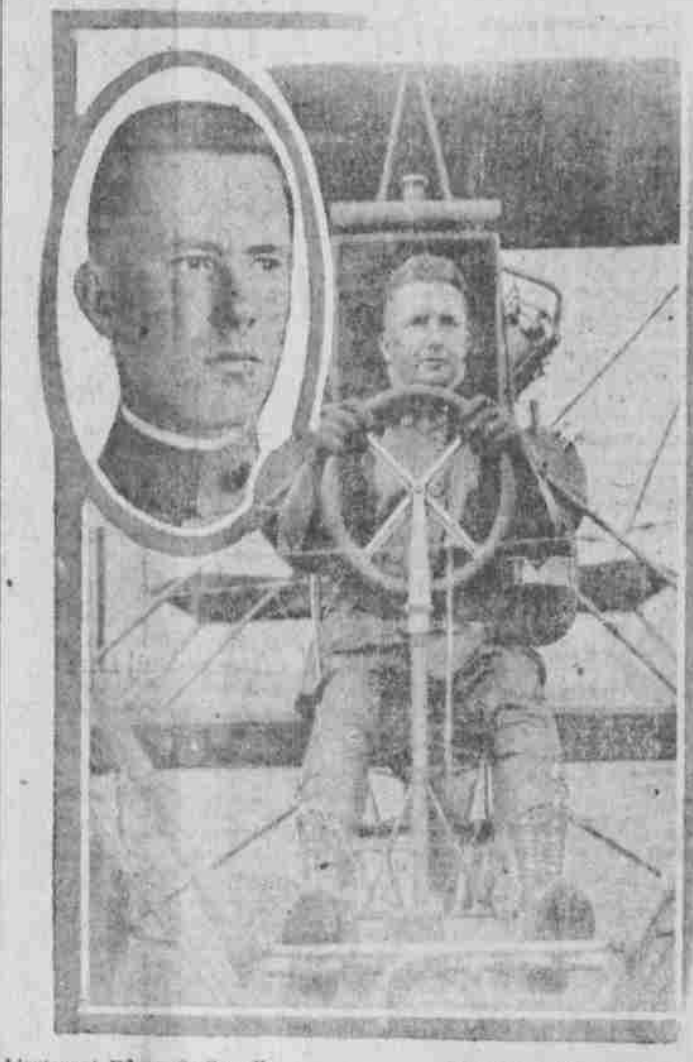
The closer to the front we got, the more confident the soldiers appeared. During the bombardment, I entered the underground city, dug months ago in preparation of the shelling. Groups of soldiers lay calmly about, just as though a monotonous peace was brooding over the world and petty events occurred to pass the time away. Officers ask nothing better than a continuation of the attacks. The enemy's losses rise higher with each onslaught. Verdun seems impregnable.

Bombardment Continued.
PARIS, March 27.—German artillery continued the bombardment in the Verdun sector. Infantry attacks were not attempted, a communique declared.

Germans Repulse Russians.
BERLIN, March 27.—The repulse (Continued on Page Eight.)

RELATIONS WITH BERLIN MAY BE SEVERED

2 Aviators Were Lost on Chihuahua Desert



Lieutenant Edgar S. Gorrell.

Lieutenant Robert H. Willis.

Pendleton Schools Give Real Training for Life Work

Address by J. V. Tallman, Chairman School Board, at Commercial Club Banquet.

In the past ten years we have funded and built three new grade schools at a cost of \$60,000.00, also a new High school costing \$100,000.00.

Six Drowned when Tanker runs Down Pleasure Launch

MOTOR WAS STALLED AND SMALL CRAFT DRIFTED INTO PATH OF VESSEL.

VALLEJO, Cal., March 27.—Six were drowned early today when the oil steamer Coalings ran down a pleasure launch. Seven were aboard the launch, which Coalings sailors declared carried no lights. A small boat rescued Jack Mahan. The launch motor had stalled and drifted helplessly in the path of the tanker.

Chicago Prices up at Chicago Today

CHICAGO, March 27.—(Special)—May, opening, \$1.07 3-4; closing, \$1.09 7-8. July, opening, \$1.06, closing, \$1.07 5-8.

Portland, Ore., March 27.—(Special)—Merchants Exchange prices today, club, bid, 85, asked 91. Bluestem, bid, 95, asked, \$1.01.

Liverpool, March 25.—Wheat—No. 2 hard winter gulf, 11s 5d; No. 3 hard winter choice, 12s 1d; No. 2 red western winter, 11s 8d; northern Chi. cargo, 12s 8d; No. 1 Durum, 12s 3d; No. 1 hard Duluth, 14s.

In American terms the Liverpool price for No. 1 hard Duluth was \$2.04 per bushel.

Led An Easy Life.
NEW YORK, March 27.—Many women entered the butterfly life of Doctor Waite, whom officers accuse of poisoning his wealthy father-in-law, John Peck. Documents found in his luxurious apartments indicated Waite lay on a hospital cot pleading for a merciful death to release him from his position. A diary and book containing the names, dates and addresses were seized as evidence. The police are seeking the women mentioned therein.

Situation is Considered Grave as Result of the Sussex Incident; President is Awaiting all the Facts Before Taking Action; If Diplomatic Relations are Severed, Kaiser May Declare War on United States.

DOVER, March 27.—The Sussex was "struck by an enemy torpedo," a coroner's jury decided after an inquest over the bodies of the victims brought here.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A severance of diplomatic relations with Germany probably will result should it be found that a German submarine torpedoed the Sussex. The president is awaiting the facts, the White House stated. He conferred with Lansing by telephone. It is believed that if it is established a submarine was responsible there will be no need to inquire its nationality. Neither Turkish nor Austrian submarines operate in the channel, diplomats believe. The president has been informed that if he severs relations the Kaiser might declare war.

Requests for further information have been forwarded to all American representatives. Drastic steps await their replies. All circles regard the situation as most grave. Senator Stone said: "First reports are always the worst. I am hoping that the danger of a break may clear away."

It is known a German submarine was operating near when the explosion occurred.

Reports Are Not Believed.
BERLIN, March 27.—Reports that the Sussex was submarine are disbelieved here. The admiralty however, did not deny the charge. Submarines operating on the French coast probably will not return for days.

American Reported Saved.
LONDON, March 27.—All Americans aboard the Sussex were saved, the American embassy announced. The American consul at Boulogne reported a piece of bronze metal similar to that used by German torpedoes, was found in the Sussex wreckage. Twelve bodies have been recovered. Seventy are missing.

A duplication of the survivors' lists made if possible the loss of life will exceed one hundred. The British admiralty did not state the result of its investigation. Paris was positive the Sussex was torpedoed.

Several Americans were seriously injured on the Sussex. One is at Dover in a critical condition.

PREPAREDNESS ON COAST DEPENDS UPON JAPANESE

SPEAKER AT SPOKANE THINKS WE CAN DIVIDE TRADE ON THE PACIFIC.

SPOKANE, March 27.—Preparedness on the Pacific coast must depend on the future friendship of Japan, Colonel Baker declared, addressing the northwest conference on preparedness this morning. He believed the Pacific ocean was big enough so we can divide trade with Japan and other nations and remain friendly to Japan. There was no more isolated part of America than the northwest. He does not believe Japan would take the Philippines if they were offered her on a silver platter. England would not like it. He emphasized the need of a scientific immigration law with Japan.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN AGAINST AIR RAIDS

MEMBERS OF WAR COUNCIL ARE IN SESSION AT PARIS TODAY.

PARIS, March 27.—Extraordinary precautions were taken today to prevent Zeppelins raiding the building where the meeting in war council. A big fleet of aeroplanes formed scout lines. The conference probably will end tomorrow.

PARIS, March 27.—Germany has tried her best to detach Italy from the entente, the United Press learned when the war council met today. The Kaiser has conducted a shrewd propaganda in exploitation of the German gains at Verdun, hoping to create dissatisfaction in Italy and discourage her from joining the other nations in a concerted plan of action against the central powers. Consequently the Italian premier and the foreign minister were given ovations when they rode through the streets of Paris en route to the meeting. Weeks ago the Germans learned of the proposed war council. Alarmed at the prospect of her enemies forming a program of close cooperation, the Germans are attempting to capture Verdun, believing the victory would halt the conference and put fear into the hearts of the Italian troops on other fronts.

Propagandists were sent to Italy. Efforts of the Italian government counteracted their efforts and the failure to capture Verdun was the final blow. The first step of the councilors today probably will be to inform the world the allies are a unit against Berlin's peace suggestions.

German Loan is Success.
BERLIN, March 27.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, told the Reichstag that the fourth German war loan had been a brilliant success, the subscriptions having reached more than 10,000,000,000 marks, not including subscriptions abroad and at the front.

It was pointed out that the German war loans have now reached a total of 36,000,000,000 marks, while the British loans have only totaled 19,000,000,000 marks, those of France 11,944,000,000 marks.

12 PRISONERS ESCAPE AT KELLEY BUTTE ROCKPILE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—Twelve prisoners escaped from the Kelley Butte rockpile, sawing the soft steel bars with a kitchen knife and scaling the high wall. The jail delivery was not discovered until morning.

Latest Photograph of Leader in Villa Hunt



Colonel George A. Dodd. This photograph of Colonel George A. Dodd, who is leading in the hunt for Villa, was taken last year. It was furnished by Mrs. Dodd.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.
Diplomatic Relations with Germany may be severed.
Verdun may be destroyed but never captured.
De facto troops reported to be helping Villa.

Local.
Contest for Pendleton's candidate for Rose Queen starts.
Echo, Weston, Pilot Rock and Pendleton in tentative league.
Agent's collarbone broken in auto mishap.