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WEATHER: Tonight and Thursday fair, heavy frost tonight.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER DATA: Maximum temperature, 55; minimum temperature, 32; rain/fall, 0; wind, west, light; weather, clear.



# TWENTY-ONE ARE DEAD IN WRECK ON LAKE SHORE

### 30 Passengers Injured When Two Trains Crash During a Dense Fog; Limited Plows Into Wreckage.

## CRASH HEARD FOR 2 MILES

Engineer Failed to See Warning Signal Because of Fog; Ambulances Rushed to the Scene Get Stuck in the Mud; Some of Bodies Can Hardly be Recognized.

CLEVELAND, March 29.—Twenty-one were killed and more than 20 injured early today when eastbound Lake Shore train 88 was struck by its second section during a dense fog. Both trains were derailed. A moment later the Twentieth Century ploughed through the wreckage near Amherst, Ohio. The noise was heard for two miles. It was so dark that the engineer of the second section did not see the brakeman's lantern and rushed past.

Ambulances from Lorain, Amherst and Elyria got stuck in the mud. The injured lay on the ground for two hours. They were taken to Elyria at 6:30 on a special train.

G. B. Gillette of the Amherst fire department said: "Masses of wreckage were piled in every direction. The coaches were upset like toys. Firemen pulled twenty men and a number of women from windows. They probably saved some from cremation."

Fireman Turner of the first section said: "In such fog we could not see 60 feet. I don't see how Ness, the engineer on the second section could see the stop signal."

It was impossible to assemble some of the bodies. A man and a woman were driven into the steel bars of the second engine pilot.

E. C. Moon general manager of the New York Central said: "The engineer of the first section was stopped by a signal at Amherst. I don't know how the second should have been stopped by the automatic block or the flagman of the second section. The Twentieth Century was derailed but nobody aboard was injured."

CLEVELAND, March 29.—Mrs. Mary Malston of Indianapolis, unharmed in the wreck, gave birth to a child in a day coach immediately after the crash.

# ABROGATION OF THE KAISER'S DECREE WILL BE DEMANDED

### AMERICA IS PREPARED TO ENFORCE DEMANDS IN SUBMARINE TROUBLE.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—America will demand not only a complete cessation and punishment for the offending submarine commander, but an absolute abrogation of the kaiser's decree against armed merchantmen. If Germany admits a submarine torpedoed the Sussex, the alternative will be a severance of diplomatic relations. The same action will result if it is proved a submarine was responsible even though Berlin refuses to admit it. Wilson desires to complete a settlement of the submarine issue, including the Lusitania incident and demands the punishment of the offending commander the same as any other sailor, for disobeying orders.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Gerard was instructed to inquire if Germany had information about the sinking of the British steamer Manchester Engineer.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Englishman was shelled and torpedoed after attempting to escape, say American survivors in a state department cable.

# Smith Wool Clip of 100,000 Lbs. Bought by Burke

At a price not made public E. J. Burke, representing E. Y. Judd & Root, has purchased the entire wool clip of the J. E. Smith Livestock company. The sale includes the clips from the Pilot Rock and Barnhart ranches and the total makes 100,000 pounds. While not made public the price is said to have been similar to prices paid on other wool deals made here this spring.

# Wealthy Couple Believed to Have Been Poisoned



JOHN E. PECK. MRS. HANNAH M. PECK. PERCY S. PECK. MRS. CLARA LOUISE PECK WAIT.

# If You Need a Car Just Speak to Dr. Henderson About It

Here is a new automobile story showing the Pendleton spirit. It was told last night at a Knights of Pythias meeting in Milton by J. H. Gwinn in explaining how a local party of 60 made a fraternal visit to the Milton lodge.

"We were so enthusiastic over the prospect of visiting Milton that we did not have enough cars for the crowd. Dr. T. M. Henderson arrived on the scene just then and was told of the predicament. 'I will go buy one,' he said to have replied. Whereupon he disappeared for a few minutes and then returned driving a big six cylinder Franklin purchased during the interim."

The visit by the local Pythians last evening was one of a series of jaunts to neighboring towns being made this year in lieu of holding a district convention here. I. E. Young, district deputy, was with the party making an official visit to the Milton lodge. A banquet was served by the Milton Pythian sisters.

# Wheat Crop Will be Light in All the Middle States

That the middle states will have a light wheat crop this year is the view of Dr. C. J. Smith, who has just returned from an extended trip east and visited in Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska en route home. The doctor says that the seed this year was poor because of having been damaged by rains last summer. Consequently much of the grain has not germinated. On some places he visited the owners do not expect to get half a crop and are considering seeding the ground to some other crop. He says the acreage is also less than last year.

**PRICE OF SPRING LAMBS MAKES RECORD**  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 29.—The first spring lambs arrived in the stockyards here this morning and sold quickly at \$13 a hundred, establishing a new record.

# Decision Favors Local People in Switzler's Island Case

Ruling in behalf of E. W. McComas and the Switzler interests as against the Northern Pacific Company, Circuit Judge G. W. Phelps this morning decided that title to the 250 acres embracing the main part of Switzler's island in the Columbia river belongs to the local people on the ground of adverse possession. The case is one of much interest in view of the long legal fight for title to the island. The property involved in the suit just decided is worth about \$50 per acre and the land is being farmed by John Switzler who had previously sold the land to E. W. McComas, guaranteeing title. The land was originally purchased by Switzler from the state as swamp land. However the state did not follow up the transaction and securing patent from the United States government. Consequently title could not be proven on that score. In the course of the present suit Raley & Raley, attorneys for McComas, contended that the property belonged to their clients on the ground of adverse possession. The Northern Pacific claim originally grew out of the fact the company was allotted certain sections by the government as a grant. However the company's attorneys did not press a claim to the land on that score but contended a more recent title had been secured through a scrip filing. Judge Phelps ruled against them on this point and held the company's only claim rested upon the original grant made in 1853 and hence judgment was given against the company on the ground stated above. It is not known yet whether an appeal will be taken by the railroad company. In the local court the company's rights were represented by Attorney Charles Hart and a brief was filed by Carey & Kerr.

# Ritner Files For Reelection; to Run Upon His Record

REITER AUTHOR OF MEASURE MAKING EASTERN OREGON A PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT.  
Roy W. Ritner, who represented Umatilla county in the last legislature, today filed with the county clerk the declaration of his candidacy for reelection as representative. Mr. Ritner states that he will depend on the record he made at the last session for the support of the voters of the county. He introduced only three bills at the last session, all of which were enacted into laws. The most important of these was the bill making eastern Oregon a separate public utility district, thereby giving this section of the state representation on the commission. He also introduced the bill extending the county library system to all the counties of the state and making it possible to build branch county libraries. The bill which reorganized the state fish and game commission was also drawn by him. Mr. Ritner states that if elected again he will favor such economy as is consistent with the proper administration of the affairs of the state and the maintenance of the state institutions. The only measure he has in view is the revision of the state road laws so that they can be interpreted and executed. The present laws are very conflicting. The annual convention of the county judges and commissioners at their last session appointed a committee to revise the road laws and they are now hard at work on the revision. He is also in favor of incorporating in the road laws a provision allowing the county court to reduce the width of established roads from 60 to 40 feet. There are many roads which are now much too wide and by making them 40 feet wide the extra ten feet on each side could be placed under cultivation. This would not apply to the main trunk roads or roads used by the stockmen in driving cattle or sheep to and from summer range. Mr. Ritner is a strong supporter of R. N. Stanfield for speaker and is at present handling his campaign for that position.

# All Are Urged to Help Clean Up the Cemetery tomorrow

EVERYBODY IS URGED TO GO OVER TO THE cemetery tomorrow and help beautify the grounds. Tomorrow is the day named by the city council when the people are expected to put in a few hours work in trimming along the walks, clearing up debris, raking and generally fixing up the burial ground. The roads leading through the cemetery have been rolled down by the steam-roller and are in fine condition. This work was done through the courtesy of the Warren Construction company. Members of the city council have arranged to have teams to haul away refuse.

# ALLIES WILL STRIKE AT GERMANS IN JULY

LONDON, March 29.—In July the allies will strike simultaneously everywhere, attempting to force the kaiser by his knees and end the war by Christmas, it was reported as a result of the war council meeting at Paris. The Germans may anticipate, then. It was reported they had taken advantage of the lull at Verdun to shift their forces for an offensive elsewhere.

# Germans Claim to Have Taken 1000 Yards of Trench

BERLIN, ANNOUNCES THAT FRENCH ARE THROWN OUT IN VERDUN SECTOR.  
BERLIN, March 29.—Several lines of trenches north of Malancourt were captured, it was officially announced today, taking 400 prisoners. The French front was smashed for a distance of 2000 yards. This is the greatest German gain on the French front in two weeks and imperils the French salient at Bethincourt and Malancourt. The Russians are unable to reconquer the positions south of Narocq. German armies bombarded Russian depots, demolishing many supplies.

# Wheat Drops Trifle in Chicago Market

CHICAGO, March 29.—(Special)—May, opening \$1.12 3/4, close \$1.11 3/4; July, opening \$1.09 3/4, closing \$1.10 1/4.  
Portland, Ore., March 29.—Club 86-92; Bluestem 97-102.  
Liverpool.  
LIVERPOOL, March 29.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 12s 6d; No. 2 hard winter gulf, 11s 4d; No. 2 hard winter, choice, 13s 1d; No. 1 Durum 12s 3d; No. 1 hard Duluth, 13s 11d; Northern Chicago, 12s 8d; No. 2 red western winter, 11s 8d.  
In American terms the highest Liverpool prices for No. 1 Duluth, is \$2.02 per bushel.

# Sinnott Induces Committee to Increase the Amount to be Given Oregon School Fund

Through the efforts of Congressman Sinnott the house public lands committee was induced yesterday to raise the percentage of land grant money to go to the school fund from 10 per cent to 20 per cent, the amount going to western Oregon counties for road purposes being reduced from 40 to 30 per cent.

The following report from Washington tells of the action in the house committee yesterday. The house public lands committee in executive session this afternoon fixed the proportions of the proceeds of the Oregon and California grant lands at 20 per cent to the state for schools, 30 for land grant counties for roads, 40 for the general reclamation fund and 10 for the federal government.

This division was made after Congressman Sinnott of Oregon, made repeated efforts to enlarge benefits for the state.

Amendments Voted Down. The committee first voted down an amendment giving 40-40 to state and counties; then 30-30, then 25-25.

Mr. Sinnott then offered an amendment requiring the reclamation share to be used on Oregon projects. This was defeated, and a like fate met an amendment requiring that half the reclamation share be spent in the state.

Oregon's Claims Set Forth. Mr. Sinnott spoke for an hour, setting forth the claims of Oregon schools to a large share of the funds. He declared the state had suffered incalculable damage, that the government long ago decided this land for the benefit of the people of Oregon and should not take away benefits merely because the railroad has defeated the original terms.

Mr. McArthur also secured a hearing before final action and spoke for a larger school fund, backing up Mr. Sinnott's position.

Half of Proceeds to State. The committee was strongly set on allowing no more than half the proceeds to Oregon and insisted on a 20-30 division over Oregon's protest.

Mr. Lenroot declared that the counties are entitled to the greatest share because they are directly affected by the delay settlement.

Mr. Sinnott tried unsuccessfully to increase the timber allowance on land classed as agricultural from 300,000 feet to 500,000 on each forty acre tract.

The full committee made no changes of importance in the subcommittee's draft, aside from the division of the proceeds to the state and striking out all reference to executory contracts.

# John Lind Contract Feared

The last action was by a vote of nine to seven and was based on a fear that the John Lind contract would endanger the bill's passage.

The bill as it stands exempts the settler on logged-off land from the payment of \$2.50 an acre when entering as a homesteader.

Chairman Ferris was authorized to introduce the bill as a committee substitute for the Ferris-Chamberlain bill and refer the same to the departments of interior, justice and agriculture for further report.

# SATURDAY WILL BE TREE PLANTING DAY

CIVIC CLUB FOLLOWS OWN ADVICE BY SETTING OUT TREES AND SHRUBS IN PARKS.

# Baseball Men Sued

PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—The Baltimore Federal league club today sued the National commission, James Gilmore, Charles Weeghman and Harry Sinclair for \$300,000. It claimed \$300,000 under the anti-trust act, providing a treble verdict.

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# NEWS SUMMARY

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# CARRANZA GIVES ORDERS TO KILL EVERY VILLISTA

### Campaign of Extermination Will be Started at Once and Continued Until Bands are Wiped Out.

# DODD'S CAVALRY AT MADERA

General Pershing is Working Independently of Headquarters at San Antonio and is Aiming to Throw a Ring Around Bandit; Carranzistas Are Assisting Plan.

MONTEREY, March 29.—A campaign to exterminate the Villistas in Torreon has been ordered. They will be immediately executed when caught. Carranza Generals Luis Elizondo, Ignacio Ramos and Luis Ramos are now afield. Trevino is directing the campaign from Monterey.

# EL PASO, March 29.—Dodd's Cavalry was reported at Madera today developing a new phase of the hunt.

It is understood he shifted his headquarters from El Valle. Cooperating with the Carranzistas he will throw out detachments and form a ring around the territory where Villa is supposedly hiding. The ring gradually will become smaller till the bandit is forced to fight. Cloaked with full authority, Pershing is believed acting without consulting with headquarters at San Antonio.

A peaceful solution of our relations with Mexico seemed nearer today than since the Columbus raid. The failure of attempts on both sides of the border to make the expedition appear like intervention has pleased officials. They do not doubt the rumor that factories had started stories about threatened uprisings and racial antagonisms. Villa's inflammatory speeches and articles published in Mexican newspapers near the border alike were unsuccessful.

Villa told the peons that the Americans intended to massacre and burn and that the negro troops ate children. After fleeing, some of the peons returned, reassured when the troops offered to pay liberally for their food. Practically the only converts to Villa's cause has been made at the muzzle of rifles.

Carranza's cooperation is becoming more pronounced. Bavira and Garcia both declared emphatically today that the pursuit of Villa will be prosecuted vigorously. Garcia said: "I can say officially that Carranza is anxious for Villa's capture and destruction. He regards Villa as a menace to Mexican liberty."

COLUMBUS, March 29.—Lieutenant Carberry in the most powerful aeroplane engine used during the expedition, flew with dispatches from Columbus to the base of operations south of Casas Grandes.

# UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Near Dublin, March 29.—Machine gun practice is a significant element in camp life.

Day and night the purr of rapid fire can be heard. There has been no report of Villa since he was located 175 miles south of Dublin. Supplies are pouring steadily southward. Pershing has high praise for the birdmen. They are of great value in scouting and carrying dispatches.

# CHAMBERLAIN BEGINS THE DEBATE ON ARMY MEASURE

DECLARES IT IS TIME WE BEGAN TO PLAN FOR AN EFFICIENT FORCE.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—We are trying to organize an army that won't have to delay four or five days before tackling a little trouble. He declared Chamberlain in opening the debate on his army bill. "I shouldn't criticize the officers or men for not capturing Villa more quickly. The nation wasn't ready. Our army is historically inefficient. Even Washington had to spend hours writing the continental congress complaining about the conditions. The troops always had more spirit than skill. Sometimes their patriotism hasn't blazed too brightly. The present bill has the approval of every expert who has examined it. It contains the best parts of a number of plans. The Hay bill was inadequate."

Dockmen on Strike. LIVERPOOL, March 29.—Two thousand dockmen struck in a dispute over overtime pay.

The theory of a central sun and rotating earth was conceived by a Greek philosopher 500 years before Christ.