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WEATHER: Tonight and Friday partly cloudy. Friday probably fair. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER DATA: Maximum temperature 61; minimum 42; rainfall .87; wind, northwest, fresh; weather, cloudy.

Germans Advance 3 Miles on Verdun Front Against French

Deadman's Hill Reported to Have Been Evacuated in Face of Terrific Teuton Assaults.

HILL 304 STILL BEING HELD

Bloodiest Fighting in All History Takes Place in the Verdun Sector Where Forces of Both Sides Contend for Slight Gains; Germans Resume Bombardment.

BERLIN, May 25.—French trenches south and southwest of Douaumont were captured last night. These French attacks against Cumieres were repulsed, it was announced.

German aircraft attacked British torpedo boats off Flanders. The destruction of two enemy biplanes was claimed. A quarry south of Haumont, which the French took, was reconquered. Eight hundred prisoners and 19 machine guns were seized in the Calette Forest.

BERLIN, May 25.—With the bloodiest fighting in all history, the right jaw of the giant German attack has advanced on a front of three miles during the past 70 hours. It was asserted that the French had sacrificed an entire army corps in an effort to retain Deadman's Hill. They then evacuated the whole stronghold. Germans and French jointly held Hill 304. It was estimated that 20,000 dead fighting in the dark underground caverns of Douaumont with no resultant change in the battle line.

The Germans positively deny the French claims of the capture of Douaumont, declaring that a French detachment entering the fort was entirely obliterated. Since Sunday neither side has been able to reach the dead and wounded lying between the lines in the vicinity of Douaumont.

The Germans claim slight advances in the ravines on either side of Hill 264. The left jaw of the Teuton machine has entirely reconquered the position which the French took. The German center which took Deadman's has not yet occupied the abandoned works because French artillery is still playing on the southern ridges.

PARIS MAY 25.—The French advanced last night east of Cumieres in a grenade attack. The Germans are attacking strongly. They took a French trench north of the Haumont quarries. The infantry struggles at Douaumont and Deadman's Hill have slackened. The French did not attempt to advance further in the Cumieres gains because they would be exposed to a flanking attack. Through complete exhaustion the infantry operations on both sides have come to a temporary halt.

PARIS, May 25.—The Germans have re-occupied Fort Douaumont, while the French hold the immediate approach to that position.

This announcement was made in the official communication issued by the French war office last night, which says two new divisions of Bavarians effected the recapture after a series of furious attacks.

The previous success of the offensive undertaken by General Nivelle, the commander at Verdun, and the results attained sent a wave of encouragement through the country. The Germans are said to have thrown in all possible reserves to restore the balance.

French officers say the German crown prince has been using 80,000 men in his efforts to swamp the French positions east and west of Deadman's Hill and to gain decisive advantages between that point and Hill 304.

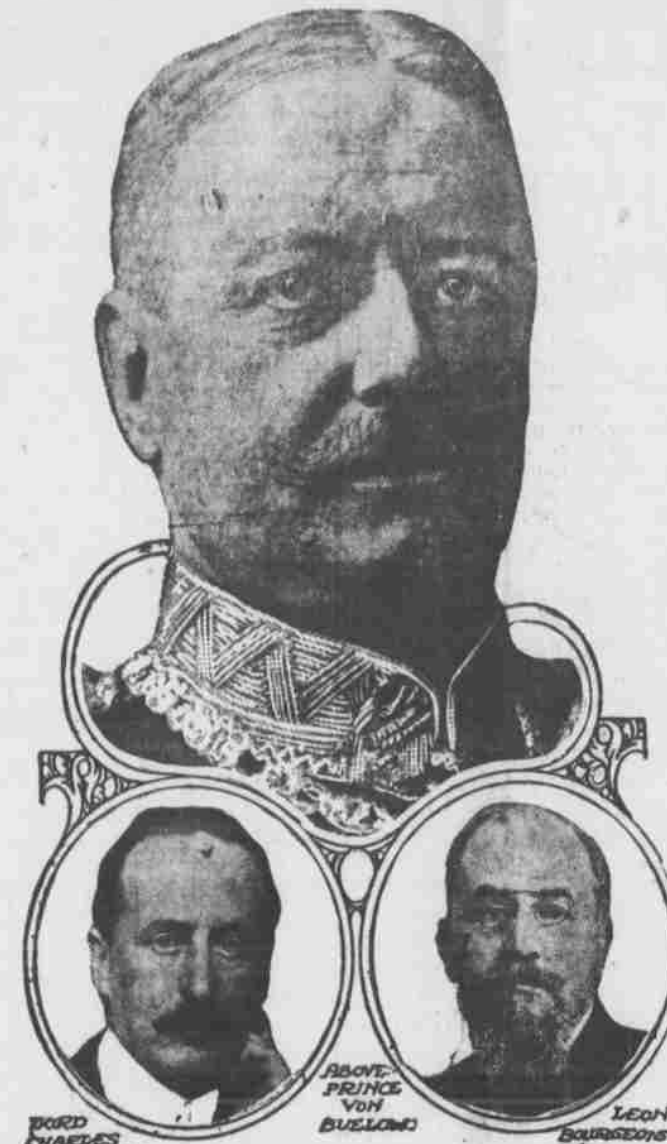
Husband Wins Out Over His Wife By Only Three Votes

LANE HOON WAS WORRIED FOR TIME THE WAY THE PRIMARY WAS GOING.

(East Oregonian Special.)

UMAPINE, May 25.—Umapine democrats were much in evidence for important state and county offices last Friday at the primary election when votes were cast for the following well known citizens: Ed Hoon, public service commissioner; W. F. Gentry, United States senator; W. P. Leach, state food and dairy commissioner; Log Hodgen, representative in congress; Wm. Case, republican, received the endorsement of the democrats for recorder; D. J. Kirk and John Allen, constable; Lane Hoon was nominated democratic central committeeman and was opposed by his wife, whom he defeated by only three votes.

Germany, England and France Want Peace



Three famous diplomats reported to have been tentatively selected to head peace delegations at the Hague. Lord Charles Hardinge, former vice-roy of India, former ambassador to Russia and at present a member of the British ministry; Leon Bourgeois, former French prime minister, former delegate to the Hague conference, and at present a member of the French ministry; and Prince Bernhard von Buelow, former imperial chancellor of Germany, former ambassador to Italy and Germany's foremost diplomat. It is also reported that Buelow may be sent to the United States as ambassador to replace Bernstorff.

BODY OF JITNEY DRIVER IS FOUND

Discovery Made Today Two Miles From Gore Homestead Where Mrs. Helen Jennings was Murdered.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25.—The body of Fred Ristman, the missing jitney driver in the Jennings murder mystery, was found this morning two miles from the Gore homestead where the murderer crushed the skull of Mrs. Helen Jennings. The murderer had dragged Ristman's body into the brush. It was lying face downward. The back of the skull had been crushed by a terrific blow. The body was found near where the sheriff discovered Ristman's glove yesterday. The murderer evidently had killed and hid Ristman before going to the Gore home and slaying the woman.

1513 Votes Cast for Wilson by Democrats of This County According to Official Count

With a vote of 1513, President Woodrow Wilson led his ticket in the democratic primaries in this county, according to the official count. Sheriff T. D. Taylor was a close second. The following are the results of the democratic primaries as revealed by the official statement: Four Delegates at Large—Armitage 645, Bennett 890, Crawford 1032, Hollister 401, Morgan 714, Morrow 710, O'Reilly 410, Tomlinson 407. District Delegates—Biggs 414, Holmes 613, King 646, Peterson 1210, Worden 143. President—Wilson 1513. Vice-president—Major 342, Marshall 1067. Five Electors—Coshaw 1212, Haney 1210, Neff 1221, Sheahan 1258, Stevenson 1216. Joint Representative—J. N. Scott 151 (written in). Two Representatives—Roy Raley 139, W. T. Reeves 142 (written in.) District Attorney—Bishop 1965. Sheriff—Taylor 1505. Clerk—Chamberlain 1283. Treasurer—Dickenson 521, Stillman 812. Assessor—Strain 1445. School Superintendent—W. C. Howard 229 (written in.) Surveyor—Hayes 162 (written in.) Coroner—Peebler 145 (written in.) Commissioner—Anderson 792, Creswell 615.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Germans take several positions from French at Verdun, Berlin reports. 5000 ton vessel is sunk by submarine. Wilson will speak for whole of Europe in effort to end war. British centers seek off California coast. Local. Wilson leads his ticket in this county. Opposition to north side paving develops.

VIOLATORS OF TRAFFIC LAW BEING ROUNDED UP

Violators of the traffic ordinance are being rounded up again by the police and four made their appearance this morning in police court. A traffic officer has been employed and he is engaged in checking up those running faster than 15 miles an hour and who violate other provisions of the ordinance. This morning Dr. F. E. Boyden, John Elliott and Delos Sloan each paid a ten dollar fine on a charge of speeding and H. Nicken paid five dollars for backing his car around a corner.

Denials Made of Attempt to Capture W. C. T. U. for Best

Representing the story in the East Oregonian yesterday relative to a reported attempt by some members of the W. C. T. U., to turn the offices of the organization over to friends of Mayor Best, four prominent workers in the organization this morning denied that such was the case. They admitted that some attempt had been made to make a change in the officers but declared that the imputation that the motive had any connection with the mayor was unfounded in fact. They stated that Dr. Best's name was not mentioned during the meeting and in this statement the officers and all other members seem to concur. They admit that some special effort was made to get out members for the election meeting but declare the name of the mayor was not used in securing attendance. Moreover, these ladies declare they

were not permitted to make nominations at the meeting and that instead of the election being held by ballot it was held by acclamation. The information upon which the story of yesterday was based was not secured from any of the officers of the city or county organization and was published without their knowledge. This statement is made in justice to them. However, the information was secured from what is believed a reliable source and the differences between the two versions of the meeting are doubtless honest ones. Mrs. G. W. Rugg, who was re-elected president, stated this morning that she regretted the publicity given the matter and stated that the administration of the W. C. T. U. is not on record as opposed to Mayor Best and is always desirous of cooperating with the officers of the city in the enforcement of the laws.

Exercises of the High School Will be Friday Night

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT TAKES PLACE AT AUDITORIUM AT 8:15 O'CLOCK.

The annual commencement exercises of the high school will be held tomorrow evening at the high school auditorium beginning at 8:15 o'clock. The program complete is as follows: Commencement Program.

Proclamation... Thelma Thompson. Invocation... Rev. H. H. Hubbell. Glee Club—Officers: President, Hester Proctor; Director, Miss Norma Graves; Secretary, Merle Best; Accompanist, Pauline Rice. Jennie Murphy, Catherine Thompson, Margaret Phelps, Daphne Sweringer, Helen Thompson, Irene Speckagle, Thelma Thompson, Zella Pollett, Martha Wiley, Natalie Ferguson, Grace Hoch, Madeline Burgess, Esther Shea, Merle King, Maude Ferguson, Myrtle Wiley, Hazel Strain, Josephine Saunders, Mamie Hartell, Seiby Johnson, Velma Smith, Alta Boylen, Lilith Ingram, Hazel Parker, Verne Taylor, Lelya Hordshole, Blanche Fuzalish, Irene Sanders, Georgiana Fletcher.

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American Troops Given Orders in Event of Attack

REINFORCEMENTS OF CARRANZISTAS NECESSITATE PRECAUTION.

COLUMBUS, May 25.—Funston forwarded new orders to Pershing today governing the course of Americans in the event of a clash with Carranzistas. Strong reinforcements of Mexicans just received, necessitated the orders.

Lloyd George is Given Charge of Irish Situation

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY ASQUITH SURPRISES THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, May 25.—Lloyd George has been given full charge of the Irish situation, Asquith announced in the house of commons today. Lloyd George was the unanimous selection of the British cabinet, Asquith said. He appealed to all sections not to discuss the Irish question while George was negotiating. The selection of George surprised the house of commons. It was believed to mean that the munitions question had been settled for the present. George has been acting minister of munitions and was successful in speeding up the ammunition supply.

Evelyn Thaw Weds Again

NEW YORK, May 25.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw announced today that she had married Jack Clifford at Elliot City, Maryland, yesterday. His real name is Virgil Montani. His bride name her name as Florence Nesbit, age 31.

O-C LAND GRANT BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE TODAY

MEASURE GOES THROUGH BY BIG VOTE; AMENDMENT IS TURNED DOWN.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Oregon-California land grant bill passed the house today by an overwhelming vote. Foster's amendment, providing that counties in Oregon receive 20 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of lands, instead of 30 per cent, was defeated. Johnson of Washington, opposed the measure, declaring it would result in more litigation and confusion and that the land would be placed in the national reserve afterwards, further hampering the development of Oregon.

WIFE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF OREGON SCHOOLS DIES

MRS. J. A. CHURCHILL PASSES AWAY IN SALEM; CANCER IS CAUSE.

SALEM, Ore., May 25.—Mrs. J. A. Churchill, wife of the state superintendent of public instruction, died Wednesday morning at her home in this city from cancer. She was 48 years old. Mrs. Churchill was born in Racine, Wis., and was married at Crookston, Minn., in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill came to Oregon shortly after their marriage, settling at Baker where she was superintendent of the city schools until his election as state superintendent. Since that time they have resided in Salem. Mrs. Churchill is survived by her husband and three daughters, Misses Marie and Doris, of Salem, and Mrs. Florence Elton of Astoria.

FUNSTON DECLARES THAT HE NEEDS MORE MILITIA

DENIES THAT HE HAD NOT REQUESTED ADDITIONAL MEN FOR BORDER.

SAN ANTONIO, May 25.—Funston this afternoon flatly contradicted Washington reports that he had not asked for additional militiamen. He declared that he had requested the militia of Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas be rushed to the border. He still hoped to get the Fourth Texas infantry sent to Big Bend, he said.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Reports that Funston had requested additional coast artillerymen for the border patrol were confirmed today. It was announced that the suggestion was refused. Explaining the refusal, Baker said he did not desire to strip the coast defenses further. The request came subsequent to the summoning of the militia. Funston has not asked for more militiamen.

Rudolph Spreckles, the sugar magnate, has spent millions of dollars in the cause of reform in San Francisco.

WILSON TO ACT FOR ALL EUROPE IN ENDING WAR

President Will Not Attempt to Represent a Single Group of Nations in His Peace Effort.

IS TO SPEAK ON SATURDAY

Outline of Method Which President Will Take is Likely to be Made at Meeting of the League to Enforce Peace; German Officials Skeptical of the Outcome.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—When Wilson moves toward peace he will act in behalf of all Europe and not a single group of nations. This was told to callers at the white house today and the president may cover this point in his address on Saturday before the League to Enforce Peace. The president discussed his position freely, indicating that he is basing his attitude on a vast amount of information from various sources. He did not disclose anything as forecasting an immediate step in behalf of peace. It is understood that the president favors having congress pass a resolution providing for calling a conference of all nations after the war to adopt plans of preventing a recurrence of hostilities.

(By Carl Ackerman.) BERLIN, May 25.—German officials do not cherish hopes of an early end of the war despite the peace talk in Washington, Berlin and London. Officials believe that France will prevent peace until after the expected allied offensive. Conservative newspapers do not relish the idea of Wilson as a peacemaker. The Lokal Anzeiger declared: "Wilson must prove his change of attitude by demanding and enforcing respect of international law before undertaking a more difficult role."

NEW YORK, May 25.—Expressing the hope that the women of the United States, through the national federation of women's clubs would have a part in bringing world peace, Mrs. Pennycuik, the president, delivered the opening address at the convention. Improvement of rural life, Americanizing immigrants, cultivation of a pan-American spirit and moving pictures were the main topics for consideration at the first session.

Request is Made of the Council for Mausoleum Site

REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTLAND CONCERN APPEAR AT THE MEETING.

Formal application was made to the city council last night for a site at Olney Cemetery for the construction of a mausoleum for the Portland Mausoleum Co. The company agrees to put up a beautiful building in which will be a chapel and 100 crypts at no expense to the city. There will be several crypts turned over to the city for rental purposes and the revenue from the chapel will also go to the city. The company hopes to finance the building by selling the crypts to local people, and agrees to put \$10 received from the sale of each crypt into a fund, the proceeds of which are to go for maintaining the building. A skeleton contract was presented to the city last evening but no specific action was taken at the meeting.

Opposition Crops Out in Council on Improvements

REMONSTRANCE MAY BE PRESENTED TO THE PROPOSED PAVING PROGRAM.

Opposition to the proposed improvement of North Main, Wilson, Madison, Blaine and Matlock streets cropped out at the council meeting last evening when Councilman Murphy of the north side voted against the first resolution and also against the ordinance to establish grades on the streets. The resolution was passed and also the ordinance but, owing to the fact that several councilmen were absent, the ordinance did not receive enough votes to put into effect the emergency clause. It is reported there will be a remonstrance to the proposed paving program. The remonstrance cannot be presented until the second resolution is passed.

Library Guarantee Hold Up. Members of the library board (Continued on Page Four.)

MEN ARE FACING COURTMARTIAL

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Reversing yesterday's decision, Secretary Baker announced that he would call a court martial to try the cases of the one hundred and sixteen Texas militiamen charged with falling to present themselves for border duty. The reversal was due to the discovery of legal points in the new army bill which would not obviate the oath requiring Texas militiamen to defend the constitution.