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ARMED BOAT VANQUISHED SUB-MARINE

AMERICAN MERCHANTMAN BATTLES WITH AND CONQUERS GERMAN SUB-BOAT

RUNNING FIGHT IS MAINTAINED

Department Declines to Name Vessel for Fear Teutons Will Attempt Reprisals Against It Later

Washington, June 6.—The state department today officially announced that an armed American merchantman maintained a 90-minute running fight with a submarine, and that in the end the merchantman sank the submarine.

The submarine flew no flag. She fired 35 shots at the merchantman which returned the fire. The 25th shot pierced the submarine which reared out of the water, stern up, stood upright for a few seconds, then disappeared.

The captain of the steamer and the commander of the gun crew are unqualifiedly of the opinion that the submarine was sunk. Navy department officials state that if their description of the battle is correct there is no question but that the submarine is at the bottom of the sea.

The name of the steamer is withheld but it is known that it is not the *Mongolia*. It became known here that the recent attack on the *Mongolia* was made by the Germans because, on the previous voyage, the *Mongolia* attacked German submarines. The department feels that it is best to withhold the name of the second ship which sunk the submarine in fear that Germany undertake reprisals against it.

ARIZONA RUSSIANS DID NOT REGISTER

Phoenix, Ariz., June 6.—Three hundred Russian colonists near Glendale declined to register today. They are members of the Molokans, a religious order, and a branch of the Dhoubakors and had taken a vow against war.

Twenty of the Russians in the Glendale colony presented themselves for registration. More than a hundred eligible to register persisted in their refusal.

ANOTHER TORNADO IN STORM-SWEPT KANSAS

Topeka, Kas., June 6.—A severe wind storm swept across Shawnee county today killing at least three persons and injuring scores of others.

Four farm houses were demolished. Elmont, Valencia, Maple Hill and Menoken were in the storm's path.

Every house in Elmont, a village of 100 persons, was destroyed. Only one person was seriously injured there. All the records of registration for the draft were lost when the wind demolished the little school house.

GERMANS PROTEST BRAZIL SHIP SEIZURE

Rio de Janeiro, June 6.—It is reported that Germany has made a protest against the utilization of German merchant ships by Brazil.

After the cancellation last week of Brazil's decree of neutrality in the war between Germany and the United States, Brazil seized 46 German merchantmen in her ports and interned the crews.

LEGAL CENSUS WELL HANDLED

Josephine County's Registration Day Sees Young Manhood Listed in Business-Like Shape

The total war registrations in Josephine county were 550, of which 239 were in Grants Pass and the precincts of Granite Hill, Fruitdale and Dimick.

Of this registration those who are legislative, judicial or executive officers, numbered 12; persons totally disabled, 9; persons who indicated dependent relatives (many of these did not claim exemption on this account), 308; other probable exemptions, 38. The total of these exemptions amount to 367.

The remaining 213 indicated no application for exemption.

There were two colored men, three neutral aliens, and four citizens of enemy countries.

Registration passed without any notable incidents. The day was ushered in by sounding of bugle calls from the top of the court house, given by Fred Carpenter of Fruitdale, an old army bugler. At intervals during the day a cannon was fired from the park along the Southern Pacific right-of-way, and every third hour church bells were rung. The afternoon performance at Chautauqua was made to take on a particularly patriotic aspect.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE TEUTON NAVAL BASE

London, June 6.—Yesterday's bombardment of the German naval base at Ostend inflicted vast damage, as revealed by photographs taken via airships, an official statement issued today reports.

The photographs show that a majority of the workshops are destroyed or seriously damaged and that the entrance gates to the dock yards, basin, submarine shelter and a destroyer under repairs with several other vessels were destroyed.

Yesterday's admiralty report of the bombardment was:

"The vice admiral at Dover reports that the enemy naval base and workshops at Ostend were heavily bombarded in the early hours this morning. A large number of rounds were fired with good results. The enemy shore batteries returned the fire but our bombardment forces suffered no damage."

MICHIGAN IS VISITED BY DESTRUCTIVE STORM

Battle Creek, Mich., June 6.—Another of the series of destructive cyclones that have swept over sections of the Mississippi valley during the past few weeks, visited this city this afternoon, cutting a swath two blocks wide through the residence section.

So far no deaths have been reported. Heavy damage to property has resulted—houses have been toppled over and twisted on their foundations. Roofs were lifted from house after house and several business blocks were demolished.

ALBINA ASKS FOR ITALIAN PROTECTION

Rome, June 6.—Word has come here that Albanian chiefs have revolted against Austrian rule and have asked that Italy take that country under her protection.

Italy, after considering the Albanian case, decided itself in agreement with the plan, but withheld its formal acceptance because the minority of the Albanian chieftains in the mountain regions of the northeast did not join in the request.

AUTOCRACY UPPERMOST WITH CHINA

INDICATIONS POINT TO DOOM OF REPUBLIC AMONG POPULOUS ORIENTALS

NATION MAY BE CUT IN TWO

Revolution Has Started Which Well Informed Observers Think Means Years of Bloodshed is Ahead

Tokio, June 6.—From reports received here, it seems that autocracy has triumphed in China. There is abundant evidence that the republic has been destroyed. Another possibility, in fact probability is that China will be divided into two nations.

Few here who know China and the Chinese deny the statement that long struggles between militarism and constitutional authority is ahead in China. The present revolution heads that way.

Dr. W. W. Willoughby, American constitutional advisor to the former Chinese republic, now enroute to the United States, said here today: "The revolution is most serious. It looks as though the republic is practically lost. The present trend is strongly toward monarchy, with militarism at present in complete control of the situation."

"The differences in attitude and in fact in racial and temperamental traits, between northern and southern China indicates that the two sections may separate and form different nations."

PROPOSE TO KILL USELESS ANIMALS IN BRITAIN

London, June 6.—Professor T. B. Wood of Catu college believes today that Britain's useless animals should be slain. They are on food rations like the rest of the population, but the professor declares they're "eating their heads off." Wood advocated slaughtering cattle for beef, claiming they do not produce an equivalent of the food they consume.

STATE LIME BOARD GOLD HILL TOMORROW

Gold Hill, Ore., June 6.—The state lime board will be here tomorrow to visit the J. H. Beeman limestone deposit for the purpose of determining whether the board should acquire the deposit for the manufacture of lime into fertilizer for the use of the farmers of the state. Other deposits will also be visited. Charles A. Murphy, warden of the state penitentiary, is chairman of the board and J. S. Murray, berthillon expert, is secretary. Other members are Benton Bowers, Ashland; John Shimaek, Seio; B. G. Leedy, Corvallis, and A. B. Cordley, Corvallis.

WASHINGTON CLUB WOMEN MEET AT N. YAKIMA

North Yakima, Wash., June 6.—Two hundred delegates from women's clubs arrived here today to attend the meeting of the Washington Federation of Women's clubs, which begins a four-day convention tomorrow morning.

ARRESTS ARE MADE IN KEET KIDNAPPING CASE

Springfield, Mo., June 6.—With several arrests made today in connection with the alleged kidnaping of 14-month-old Lloyd Keet, son of J. H. Keet, wealthy young retired banker, local detectives tonight declared the affair was nearing solution. Some of the men arrested today are said to be members of prominent families.

SOCIALISTS SEEK UNITY FOR RUSSIA

SOLDIERS' AND WORKMEN'S COUNCIL DISAPPROVES OF STAND OF KRONSTADT

WANT SINGLE, CENTRAL POWER

Ask More Radical Comrades in Control of Fortress to Return to and Recognize Russian Democracy

Petrograd, June 6.—A committee of the soldiers' and workmen's council spent yesterday investigating conditions at Kronstadt fortress where a so-called branch of the council had assumed charge of affairs and defied the temporary Russian government asserting that it would communicate with outsiders only through the Petrograd council of soldiers and workmen.

This committee has adopted resolutions to the effect that while the Kronstadt workmen's and soldiers' delegates had given proof of great fidelity to the cause of the revolution, they were directing the energy of the people of Kronstadt contrary to the interests of the whole of revolutionary Russia, which tended toward the creation of a single central revolutionary power.

The resolution added that the Petrograd council accordingly relied on the devotion of the Kronstadt comrades, feeling assured that they would return to the Russian democracy.

The Kronstadt committee is sending delegates to Petrograd, empowered to settle the misunderstanding at a general session of the workmen's and soldiers' council.

SHERIFF'S POSSE KILLS ARMED TEXAS SLACKER

Fort Worth, Texas, June 6.—E. H. Fulcher, a member of the Farmers and Laborers Protective association of America, who had hidden himself in the woods, heavily armed, for the announced purpose of resisting conscription, was shot and killed near Midway yesterday by a posse of officers from Hood and Pato Pinto counties, it was learned today.

London, June 6.—English sportsmen refuse to surrender their beloved horse racing without a struggle, despite the government ban. Meeting at Newcastle, turfmen passed a resolution urging modification of the order forbidding racing, to "prevent distress among many residents of the town."

ROAD BONDS CARRY BY BIG MAJORITY

Portland, June 6.—Late returns coming in this afternoon which make the state vote practically complete bring down the lead for the road bonds to approximately 17,000. Latest figures are: Yes, 68,618 and No, 51,388.

Portland, June 6.—The road bond measure has been adopted by the voters of Oregon by a majority of about 23,000. Multnomah county rolled up a majority of over 18,000. The state outside of Portland seems to have returned about 4,000 majority.

The new penitentiary proposal was snowed under by a heavy vote. At the city election here, Geo. L. Baker is elected mayor by about 1,500 over W. H. Daly. A. L. Barber, present city auditor is elected to one of the city commissionerships and the indications are that John M. Mann will be the other. The anti-picketing bill seems to have passed.

ALLIES UNITE UPON WAR AIMS

Strong Representations Made to Russia as to Justice of Allied Cause and Against Peace Propaganda

Washington, June 6.—The administration is making strenuous efforts to convince the Russian government that America's war aims are just. Both through the American commission sent to Russia, and through the allies, this effort is being unceasingly made. Japan, France and England have already sent statements to Petrograd or are preparing to dispatch them. It is believed they will sweep away any tendency in Russia toward a separate peace.

These statements of the allies will tell Russia that the allies are in the war to the last ditch. They will show that the allied war aims are really to make the world safe from Prussian absolutism, and will disclaim any desire for indemnities or conquest. This last part of the program it is believed will have tremendous influence upon Russia.

It is generally conceded that Russia will give little military assistance for the next few months.

The administration at Washington says that America's message to Russia will soon be made public.

GUN FIRE WIPES OUT HEAVY GERMAN LINES

Paris, June 6.—Today's official statement told of the heavy lines inflicted upon two waves of German lines hurled against the French near Hurbelise. Twice the Teutons tried vainly to reach the French trenches, only to be wiped out by terrific rapid-gun fire.

Announcement was made today that the French steamship *Yarra*, 4,163 tons gross, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on May 29. Of the 699 persons on board 36 are missing, including eight Arabian firemen.

GENERAL HAIG LEADS ANOTHER OFFENSIVE

London, June 6.—General Haig has swung his columns forward in a renewed offensive—his today's report indicates.

"North of Scarpe we have made further progress on the western slope of Greenland Hill," his statement adds. "West of Loos we gained ground slightly." The report indicates that he is making progress in the enveloping on Lens.

The British and Germans near Wytchaete in Belgium are still engaged in a violent artillery duel, which probably is the forerunner of a great infantry action at an early date.

NOW SWEDEN'S TURN TO STAGE TROUBLE

Stockholm, June 6.—Ten thousand socialists and laborers started riots here Tuesday when the premier and the lower house of parliament refused the election of a socialist leader at Branting to the upper house.

The rioters were fought by the police and soldiers wielding sabers and a number were wounded.

GREETERS ARE MEETING IN OLD BEAN TOWN

Boston, Mass., June 6.—Smiling hotel men—those who hand you the pen to register and ask "with bath?"—gathered here today from all over the country for the annual national convention of the Greeters of America.

TWO CITIES WORKING FOR IRRIGATION

PLANS OF GRANTS PASS IRRIGATION DISTRICT ARE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY

WORK WITH GOLD HILL PEOPLE

Two Districts Can Be Served by One Main Canal at Diminished Cost to Both Communities

A meeting of the board of directors of the Grants Pass irrigation district was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms yesterday. The meeting convened at 10 o'clock in the morning and it was late in the afternoon before the final adjournment.

The principal subject of discussion before the conference was the matter of negotiations between the Grants Pass district and the directors of the Gold Hill irrigation district, looking to a mutual co-operation between the two districts for the building of one irrigation system to serve both. The plan contemplates the taking of water from Rogue river at the so-called McClure project, about two miles east, or upstream from Gold Hill. It is understood that the so-called "high line project" is laid aside for the time being, as the cost per acre will be considerably more than under the so-called "low line project."

Under the Grants Pass irrigation district there are from 700 to 800 acres of O. & C. grant lands. If this area comes into the district and is served with water, it is estimated that the cost per acre will amount to approximately \$35. Should the railroad lands not come in, the cost will be close to \$50 per acre. As the railroad lands will soon be put on the market and will be worthless without water, it is assumed almost as a matter of course that they will be included in the district.

Plans for the completed "low line project" have been finished under the engineering direction of F. W. Dodge and will be sent to the state engineer for approval within the next few days.

The successful consummation of the plans now being worked out will mean much to this section. Nothing could help this community more than the bringing of irrigation on the large tract of land south of the city.

AUSTRIA HITS HARD ALONG ITALIAN LINE

Vienna, June 6.—The Austrian troops have captured important positions along the Italian trenches south of Jamiano, the official statement issued today stated.

The captured included 171 officers and over 4,500 men. The ground captured was part of that recently won by the Italians.

Rome, June 6.—It is apparent that the Austrians have taken the offensive on the front from Gorizia to the sea and are still the aggressors against the Italians; but, according to other reports their attacks have all been repulsed, except south of Jamiano, where the Italians gave way.

MT. Lassen AGAIN STAGES ERUPTION

Redding, Cal., June 6.—Lassen peak erupted again today, following the two eruptions yesterday. Smoke from the crater drifted northward about 30 miles. The rumblings preceding the eruption were loud and distinct.