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MARTIN ACQUITTED

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ON FIRST BALLOT

Result Regarding as Personal Triumph for Attorney Reames Who Receives Congratulations

As Judge Calkins, in the circuit court at Jacksonville, Tuesday afternoon, read the part of the verdict which gave Loris Martin his liberty, "We find the defendant not guilty," there was first a moment of breathless silence, and then a wave of applause, which swept from one end of the court room to the other, and which caused the Judge to order the court room cleared. But it is said that as the people filed from the court room, Judge Calkins himself hid a smile behind his hand and relented enough to say that those who had not applauded could remain in the court room if they wished. But there were very few who wished to remain, for the crowd was there to hear the Martin trial to the finish, and after it was over, there was little to stay for.

Mrs. Skyrman, Martin's sister ran for the telephone, tears streaming down her cheeks, while Loris put his arm about his Attorney's neck whispered something, then with a smile that threatened to break into a sob at any moment, he arose, accepted the hand shakes of his friends, and followed jailer Wilson mechanically out of the door as he had been used to doing during his imprisonment.

"Mother Martin" with the same patient smile that she had borne all through the trial, only perhaps broadened a trifle, rose and joined her friends who were congratulating her son, but refrained from speaking to him, probably fearing to cause a scene if she attempted to speak.

After returning to the jail and gathering up his few belongings Martin shook hands with the jailer and his jail friends, and then when the crowd had disappeared there was a family reunion which was not large in numbers but which was made up in enthusiasm.

Before long a procession of rigs could be seen jogging up the road in the direction of Trail.

According to members of the jury the verdict was reached on the first ballot, which was taken after carefully considering the evidence which had been submitted.

Attorney A. E. Reames, who defended Martin was the recipient of congratulations from all sides on the result of the case, it being regarded in legal circles as a personal triumph for the well known Medford attorney. His management of the case, his thoroughness in preparation, and his tact and skill in closing address to the jury were generally regarded as the important factors in the result.

Tuesday morning, while Iral Stewart was delivering an order of groceries at Ed Moore's residence, the horses became frightened at some of the stock in the yard and before Iral could get back to the wagon the horses were gone.

They were going some when they crossed Main street and they seemed to be gaining speed until they struck one of "Ike's" little telephone poles at the corner of Rob Ashworth's residence. One of the horses was slightly bruised but the funny part of it was to see how quick Ike was on the job straightening up the pole and splicing the telephone wire.

SCHOOL NOTES.

A recent meeting of the senior class several matters looking toward commencement week were taken up. Grey and gold are the class colors. The The Marcial Neil Rose was chosen as the class flower. The class motto is, "The Understanding Creates the World." This is a quotation from the philosopher Kant, meaning that each person's world is only as large as their understanding is able to grasp.

President H. M. Crook of Albany College has been selected to give the class address which will occur on the 21st day of May if all goes as is now planned.

The senior class this year numbers fifteen which is about double the number of any previous class. Mr. Ed Griffith who was in this class left last week so the graduates will be but fourteen barring no failures in the next two weeks.

A senior play is being arranged for. The play will be chosen sometime this week and active preparation for the presenting of the play will be begun at once.

The class is remarkable in one particular; there are but five girls. This is a reversal of the usual ratio. Nearly all of the class are getting through with from one to four units of credit above the fifteen which is the minimum for graduation.

The five girls will each get certificate in the teachers training department. Several of the boys are majoring in the business course. Each has a plan for the future. This is as it should be. When every boy and girl coming out of high school has an aim, the high school graduate will cease to be a piece of inert matter as has been too often in the past.

This is the question we will answer next week. Shall we have a High School Annual?

The pupils in the third grade history are making booklets on "The Cave Boy."

The boys and girls of the eighth grade have each organized a basket-ball team and will play the West Side girls and boys Friday night at the "Y". Everybody invited. Admission free.

New Undertaker

Robert Fry of Portland arrived in town this week and is taking charge of the undertaking parlors formerly owned by Dr. Mulkey. Mr. Fry is an experienced undertaker and we hope that the people of this vicinity will turn all the patronage possible his way by doing this you will keep money at home that usually goes elsewhere.

Ashland Wins Championship

Ashland high school won the basketball cup and the championship of southern and central Oregon when they defeated Medford high school Friday and Saturday of last week. These two victories give Ashland three out of four games played with Medford. The Ashland girls after losing to Medford in a hardfought game a week ago Saturday on the home floor, were conceded losers in the last two games but surprising the fans by taking both of the final games by close scores, thus winning the girls' championship. The entire series was hard fought, Medford having turned out the best teams in the history of that institution.

W. D. Lewis and wife left for San Francisco last Friday where they expect to make their home.

FRANZ LEHAR



Photo by American Press Association. Franz Lehár, composer of the "Merry Widow," reported captured by the Russians while serving as an Austrian officer.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Interest in the world war during the past week was divided between the operations in the eastern theater, where fighting of a more or less violent nature is proceeding throughout the territory from northern Russian Poland to the Carpathians, and the bombardment of the strongholds of the Dardanelles by the allied fleet.

Reports from various sources indicate that the Russians have assumed the offensive in most of the operations in the general eastern territory. In the extreme north they are still hammering away with the idea of driving the Germans back to east Prussia, and the latest Petrograd official statement asserts that the Russians have forced the Germans back somewhat.

A German official statement says that northeast of Pzrasmysz a Russian attack broke down with severe losses to the latter, and that northwest of Plonsk a Russian attack was also repulsed.

Petrograd dispatches say that the Austrians under Archduke Joseph have suffered defeat in eastern Galicia and are now in full flight toward the Carpathians. Vigorous fighting continues in the Carpathians.

The allied French and English fleets are making progress in their attack on the forts of the Dardanelles, according to the British admiralty and unofficial reports.

Cruisers from the allied fleet are continuing their attacks along the coast of Asia Minor from Besika to Smyrna, and Vice Admiral Sir Richard Peirse has brought up his East Indian fleet and undertaken the bombardment of the fortifications at Smyrna.

In the west the French assert they have inflicted a serious check on the Germans to the north of Arras, in the region of Notre Dame de Lorette. In Champagne, northwest of Beausjour, a German counter attack has been repulsed. The French war office says that the progress made by the allies in the Vosges, at Hartmann-Weilerkopf, extends over 325 yards of German trenches.

Ben Hilton and Frank McKee were theatre goers in Medford Wednesday.

I Have moved
my shoe repairing shop to the building formerly occupied by Wm. Hammett and solicit a share of your patronage.
JAMES McDOWELL

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RUSSIAN ARMIES RESUME OFFENSIVE

From Baltic to Rumanian Border Forces Begin Forward Movement.

London.—Except in the central Beskid pass of the Carpathians, where the fierce Austrian attacks have moderated somewhat, the Russians are now on the offensive along the whole length of their extremely long line from the Baltic sea to the Rumanian border. Apparently they have definitely disposed of the German and Austrian attempts to outflank their two extreme wings, and having turned, are making slow but steady progress westward.

In the Beskid, Tukholka and Uzsok passes the Austro-Germans are in possession of strong positions, whence they are continually attacking the Russians, while in the western passes, especially the Dukla, the Russians are on the Hungarian slopes, where the fighting has degenerated into trench warfare.

In northern Poland the Russians are advancing slowly westward from the Niemen river and the Germans are fighting a rear guard action. Only at one point is the German attack being seriously pressed—against the fortress of Ossowetz.

To the south, according to a Berlin dispatch, the Germans have evacuated Myssyniec, which is right on the east Prussian border, northwest of Louisa.

EMBASSY READY TO MOVE

Germany Asks United States to Guard Interests in Turkey.

Washington.—Germany has asked the United States to care for its diplomatic interests in Constantinople should the allied forces occupy the capital of Turkey. Ambassador Morgenthau has been instructed to assume that duty when the German minister to Turkey leaves with the Ottoman government for Eskichehir, the newly-selected temporary capital for the porte. The minister is arranging to place the German legation in charge of the American ambassador.

There is every indication from the official dispatches received here both at the Turkish embassy and the Washington government that the Ottoman forces have made extensive preparations to defend all approaches to Constantinople.

3 MORE FORTS ARE SILENCED IN STRAITS

London.—Three more strong forts in the inner straits of the Dardanelles have been silenced by the Anglo-French fleet after terrific bombardment, according to an official communication given out by the British Admiralty.

It is admitted in the official report that a majority of the war vessels engaging the forts by entering the straits have been hit, some of them numerous times. Serious damage is denied.

The Turkish official report declares that one British battleship has been badly damaged and that a French armored cruiser has been put out of action. None of the batteries has been damaged, says this report.

Damage by the forts which have been replying vigorously to the assaults of the fleet has not been confined to the vessels, as several airplanes, acting as scouts for the Anglo-French fleet, have been brought down. The admiralty describes the damage to this arm of the service in detail, saying one aviator was hit 28 times by shots from the forts. No death has resulted in the aerial squadron, however, according to the report.

The warships are now engaged in reducing the forts in the Narrows, which is considered the most difficult section of the Dardanelles, from the point of view of an attacking force.

Galloway Reappointed Commissioner, Salem, Or.—The governor, secretary of state and state treasurer unanimously reappointed Charles V. Galloway state tax commissioner. Mr. Galloway is a democrat and has held the office since its creation in 1909, the law providing that the two appointive commissioners shall be of different political affiliation.

Suffrage Loses in Texas. Austin, Texas.—The resolution providing for submission of a constitutional amendment granting the vote to women was defeated in the senate. It failed by five votes to get the required two-thirds majority.

WHAT CONGRESS DID

Passed the Underwood tariff bill. Reorganized the currency system and established federal reserve banks. Passed the income tax bill. Passed anti-trust laws, supplementing the Sherman act. Repealed Panama canal tolls exemption for American coastwise shipping. Directed construction of government railroad in Alaska.

Passed act to regulate the trading in cotton futures. Passed internal revenue bill to make up deficiency caused by reduced tariff. Appropriated \$1,120,000,000.

Established an insurance bureau to insure American ships against war hazards.

Passed bill for federal control of narcotic drug sales.

Provided for the transfer of foreign-owned ships to American registry.

Empowered president to use army and navy, at his discretion, to preserve neutrality.

Important measures that failed were the ship purchase bill, immigration bill, conservation measure, which provided new system for leasing of water-power sites, Philippine self-government bill, regulation of issue of railroad securities by interstate commerce commission, rural credits bill, federal road improvements, water way development, reorganization of civil service, prohibition of the importation of convict-made goods, army reorganization, national prohibition, woman suffrage.

Rose festival Publicity is Greater Than Ever Before

Believing that the coming summer will see a greater movement of tourists from the East and Middle West toward the Pacific Coast than ever before, the management of the Portland Rose Festival is conducting an unusual, and so far successful, campaign to advertise the coming event. Individual publications, as well as several newspaper syndicates in the East have asked for articles and photographs descriptive of Portland and its roses, western publications of all classes are carrying similar stories, trade papers are falling into line, and everything indicates that the coming festival will receive an unusual amount of publicity.

"The whole city of Portland is being organized back of the Festival committee in a vast publicity campaign" said Lloyd McDowell who has charge of this work, and special efforts are being made to carry the publicity into the East as it was never carried before. We are working an unusually large field with great energy, and I believe that the Festival scrap books at the end of the season will show a greater volume of publicity for the 1915 event than for all the festivals that have ever preceded it. We aim to establish the truth of our slogan, that "The Whole World Knows the Portland Rose."

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The Whole Story.
"I hear you are giving up your charge," said one aged and infirm minister to another the other day. "How are your people taking it?" "Oh, well," was the answer, "I'm resigning and they're resigned."—Liverpool Mercury.

Appreciated the Votes
I take this opportunity of thanking my friends who assisted me in the winning the fifth prize in the recent Cranfill & Robnett contest.
Sincerely yours,
Pearl Ross.

GERMAN NOTE TO AMERICA RECEIVED

Recession From Plan Offered if Allies Will Allow Food to Reach Civilians.

Washington.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, delivered a note to the United States, in which Germany offered to recede from her plan of destroying enemy merchant ships, if restrictions placed by the allies on shipments of conditional contraband and foodstuffs destined to the civilian population of Germany were removed.

Otherwise, the note announced, Germany proposes to put into effect the original proclamation, adding also the stranding of mines in waters surrounding Great Britain and Ireland.

Alleged arming of British merchant vessels is given by the German government as ground for attacking enemy merchant ships without search or previous visit.

It was said that the note received by the ambassador from his foreign office was not a reply to the recent American note to Germany in regard to the war zone decree. A more comprehensive and detailed reply to the communication is expected soon.

The British reply to the American note of protest on neutral shipping, dated December 26, was also received. Besides entering a general denial that there had been any unwarranted interference with legitimate shipment, the new note contains a statement from Great Britain that the recent government decree taking over the flour and grain supply in Germany required added precautions on the part of the allies.

BERLIN COUNTS ON VICTORY

3,000,000 Germans and Austrians Reported Ready to Crush Enemy.

London.—"It is asserted in Berlin that Germany and Austria-Hungary now have concentrated about 3,000,000 soldiers on the line from Thorn to Cracow, and this is considered sufficient to crush the Russian forces," says a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Times. The message continued: "Military authorities declare that the result of the coming battle is not in doubt and that the Russian army will be completely destroyed. They explain that it is necessary to allow the Russians to advance to the frontier, in order to prevent them from making a good retreat after their defeat."

"The present retirement of the Germans is necessary, they say, in order to have the railways immediately behind the army for the approaching main battle."

Aberdeen Mayor Loses in Primary.
Aberdeen, Wash.—In the warmest primary election ever held in this city J. M. Phillips, a young attorney and formerly a Bull Moose, defeated by 17 votes Mayor Eugene France, a pioneer who was standing for re-election.

City Election

The annual city election was held on Monday, March 8th for the purpose of electing a city recorder, two councilmen for a term of three years and a councilman for a one year term.

J. W. Jacobs was elected city recorder having received 67 votes. I. F. Williams and W. E. Alexander were elected councilmen for a three year term with a large majority over any one else voted for, Williams receiving 54 votes and Alexander receiving 46 votes. W. A. Pyburn was elected councilman for a term of one year with 53 votes. No other candidate for either office received over 12 votes.

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