

SHELL EXPLODES WOMEN ARE KILLED

Target Practise on Steamship
Mongolia Proves Fatal to
Two Red Cross Nurses.

REVENUE CUTTER TAKES DEAD BACK TO PORT

Mongolia Turns Back to An
American Port After Acci-
dent and Arrived Today.

Washington, May 21.—In-
quiries concerning the condi-
tion of the ammunition on
the Mongolia, developed the
fact that the navy is investi-
gating the faultiness of the
shells aboard the St. Louis.
Under suspicion that a German
agent has been tampering with
them.

Washington, May 21.—Mrs. Edith
Ayers and Helen Burnett Woods
were killed when a portion of a burst-
ing shell struck them while aboard
the steamer Mongolia while watch-
ing the gun crew practice, according
to official advices.

These two women are America's
first women victims of the war. An-
other nurse was wounded. All were
members of the medical unit orga-
nized in Chicago. The two women
who were killed are both from Chi-
cago. In some unexplainable manner
the shell exploded. Portions of the
casing were flung into the crowd of
nurses and doctors watching the
American gun crew. There was a life
boat between the women and the
gun. A United States revenue cut-
ter met the Mongolia and bore the
dead to port. Both Mrs. Ayers and
Miss Woods were experienced Red
Cross nurses. The Mongolia turned
back, arriving at an American port to-
day.

REV. SCHUSTER RETAINED PASTOR OF ALBANY CHURCH

Rev. C. L. Schuster returned home
today after having attended the
annual Oregon Conference of the Evan-
gelical church at Monmouth, which
closed a four-day session last night.

One of the features of the confer-
ence was the celebration of the 50th
anniversary of Rev. Noah Shupp's
entrance into the ministry. A banquet
was served in the evening, at which
about 75 were present. Rev. Shupp
preached his anniversary sermon, at
the close of which Bishop L. H. Segar
of Neighborhood, Ill., presented
him with \$50 in gold.

Rev. Schuster was reappointed to
the Albany church. Other appoint-
ments were: Salem, T. R. Horns-
church and H. E. Able; Sweet Home,
G. F. Leining, Jr.; Jefferson, G. E.
Hornschurch; Monmouth, F. M.
Fisher; Tacoma, Jacob Stocker, who
has been teaching school at Sweet
Home for the past year or more.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE CLOSSES ANNUAL CONVENTION TODAY

Dr. Brummitt Speaks; Eugene
Takes Most of Offices Elect-
ed By Convention.

The closing session of the Epworth
League closed this morning with Dr.
Dan Brummitt of Chicago, giving an
interesting lecture on how to conduct
an Epworth League devotional meet-
ing. The talk lasted from 8.30 until
12.00 and was given close attention.

Dr. Brummitt was one of the main
features of the convention. He ar-
rived here early yesterday morning,
and in spite of the early hour a large
delegation was out to meet him. He
led the morning prayer service. At
10.30 o'clock he preached the con-
vention sermon in the Methodist
church, his subject being "The Lost
Christ." In the evening he gave an-
other talk along Epworth League
lines.

This morning Dr. Brummitt gave
his instructive talk, and the meeting
resolved into a kind of a round table
discussion at times.

Saturday afternoon the following
officers were elected:

President, Roy Pryon of Eugene;
First Vice President, Miss Virginia
Mason of Jefferson; Second Vice
President, Miss Helen Brenton of Eu-
gene; Third Vice President, Miss
Edith Thomas of Eugene; Fourth Vice
President, Miss Helen Young, Jun-
ction City; Secretary, Miss Irma Zim-
merman, Eugene; Treasurer, James
Reynolds, Drain. Mrs. S. A. Dan-
ford of Springfield, was elected Jun-
ior League superintendent.

The convention was attended by
over 100 and was interesting through-
out. Nearly all delegates have re-
turned to their homes.

FRANK WARNER DIED IN CANADA LAST NIGHT

Richard Warner this morning re-
ceived word of the death of his son,
Frank, who died in a hospital at Cal-
gary, Alberta, last night. Mr. Warner
left for Canada, but only got as far as
Portland when he received word that
the body was being brought to this
city for burial.

Frank Warner was born in Cali-
fornia 36 years ago. He moved to
Albany with his parents, and 10 years
ago he went to Cheavle, Alberta, to
take charge of his father's ranch. He
has lived there ever since. He is
survived by a wife and one son, Har-
ry, aged 8.

G. A. R. ANNOUNCES DATES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TALKS

Members to Visit Schools and
Deliver Patriotic Addresses
to Children This Week.

This week Albany public schools
will receive their annual visits from
members of the Grand Army of the
Republic and the Ladies of the G.
A. R. Those who will speak are Rev.
Maxwell Phillips, Patriotic Instruc-
tor of McPherson Post, G. A. R.;
Mrs. Melissa Perry, Patriotic In-
structor Fair Oaks Circle, Ladies of
the G. A. R.; and Cyrus Walker, Post
Commander, McPherson Post.

The schedule of visits is as follows:
Tuesday, May 22—8 a. m., Senior
high school; 9:15 a. m., Madison
school. Three groups.

Wednesday, May 23—8:15 a. m.,
Junior high school grades at 9 a.
m., three groups; 10:15 a. m., St.
Mary's Academy.

Thursday, May 24—1:15 p. m.,
Burkhart school; 2:30 p. m., German
Lutheran school.

Friday, May 25—1:15 p. m., Maple
street school, three groups.

On Sunday, May 27, Memorial Sun-
day services will be held at the Meth-
odist church at 10:30 a. m., Dr. Chas.
E. Gibson, officiating. All veterans
and ladies auxiliaries of the Civil, In-
dian and Spanish wars, Coast Artil-
lery Corps and ladies are especially
invited to be present.

Weather Report.
Yesterday's temperature ranged be-
tween 4 and 66 degrees. The rain-
fall was .03 inches and the river fell
to 7.4 feet.

HILL EXPLAINS CIGARETTE LAW

District Attorney Is Swamped
With Questions in Regard
to New Statute.

UNLAWFUL TO SELL OR GIVE TO MINORS

Boys Also Subject to Fine in
Event That They Have Cigar-
ettes in Their Possession

"So many inquiries have been made
at this office regarding the provisions
of what is known as the Cigarette
Law passed by the last session of the
legislature, that it is deemed advis-
able to give the general provisions
of the law publicity through the
press," said District Attorney Hill
this morning.

The Act in question is contained
in Chapter 244, General Laws of Ore-
gon for 1917, and is in full force and
effect from and after May 21. The
provisions of the Act are directed
against cigarettes and makes it un-
lawful to sell or give to any minor
cigarettes, and the word "cigarettes"
are held to include cigarettes, cigar-
ette paper, cigarette wrapper, or any
substitute therefor, or any paper or
form prepared to be filled with smok-
ing tobacco for cigarette use.

The Act also makes it a misde-
meanor for any minor to smoke, use,
or be in possession of any cigarette
in this state and for the proprietor,
clerk, assistant or employee of any
place of business to permit minors to
frequent said places of business while
using or smoking a cigarette. It is
provided that the term "place of busi-
ness" as used in the Act shall apply
to any and all places such as shops,
stores, factories, offices, theatres, re-
creation and dance halls, pool rooms,
cafes, restaurants, hotels, lodging
houses, street cars, interurban and
passenger coaches or sitting rooms.

It is further provided that any mi-
nor using or being in possession of a
cigarette and being asked by a pa-
rent, teacher or any mayor, sheriff, de-
puty sheriff, police officer, constable,
village marshal, or any other officer,
to tell where or from whom such
cigarette was obtained shall be guilty
of a misdemeanor and any of said
officers who shall find a minor smok-
ing a cigarette or having a cigarette
in his possession, shall immediately
inquire of such minor where and of
whom he obtained such cigarette and
upon failure of any such minor to
give such information when request-
ed, the minor shall be deemed guilty
of a misdemeanor and immediately
arrested by the inquiring officer with-
out a warrant and taken before any
court having jurisdiction of the of-
fense. For the purposes in hand, the
minor should be taken before a Jus-
tice of the Peace.

The foregoing states generally the
principal provisions of the Act but it
must be borne in mind that the same
does not supersede the existing stat-
utes relative to the sale and disposal
of tobacco to minors, but the Act is
cumulative to such existing stat-
utes.

WORKING RESERVE TO BE ORGANIZED SOON

Beginning today, an effort will be
made to enlist the high school boys
of Linn county in the Oregon branch
of the United States Working Res-
erve. J. M. Lewis, Assistant District
Agricultural agent, who has the mat-
ter in charge in Linn county, states
that blanks will be distributed to the
high school in Albany by the City
Superintendent, and that all the other
high schools in the county will be vis-
ited during the present week.

Gets Good Contract.
C. H. Burggraf received word this
morning that he had landed the con-
tract for the plans for the high school
at Moro, Oregon. This is the fifth
school contract that he has received
during the past few months.

U. S. TROOPS CLASH WITH MEXICAN BANDITS

Mexicans Cross Border and Are
Rounded Up By Troopers
and Customs Officers.

Washington, May 21.—A clash be-
tween United States troops and Mex-
icans was officially reported to the
State Department. The message said
that a group of filibusters crossed
to the American side near Nogales.
American troops and customs officers
captured them. George Holmes, be-
lieved to be an American, Manuel
Gonzales and Hipolito, Villa's former
secretary are among the prisoners.

Another message described the fir-
ing as coming from a house on the
Mexican side of the line on American
soldiers. The soldiers returned the
fire and the troubles ceased.

CONTRACTS FOR THIRTY- EIGHT MERCHANTMEN LET

Washington, May 21.—Contracts
for 38 merchantmen were executed to-
day by the emergency fleet corpora-
tion, the United States shipping
board officially announced.

MISSIONARIES ARRIVE ON WAY FROM INDIA

Dr. C. D. Esch and Family Here;
Will Speak in Mennonite
Church Tonight.

Dr. C. D. Esch, a medical mission-
ary, arrived in the city this morn-
ing over the Oregon Electric, after a
nine-weeks' trip from his station at
Dhantari, Central Provinces, India.
He will speak this evening at 8 o'clock
at the Mennonite church, 12th and
Willette streets. During his visit in
this city Dr. Esch and family are
guests of Rev. J. P. Bontrager and
family.

Dhantari is a city of some 12,000
inhabitants located 500 miles west of
Calcutta. He left home with his wife
and two children on March 19, pro-
ceeded by way of Colombo, Ceylon,
Singapore and across to Vancouver,
B. C., arriving on the S. S. Mont-
eagle, Saturday.

Dr. Esch went to India about 6-1-2
years ago, the last five of which have
been spent at a leper home. There
were 130 lepers in the home, some
of them terrible sights. No cure has
yet been found for this scourge.

There are few English speaking
people in this place, although all of
the government officers, missionaries,
and professional people are English.
The war is felt mainly in India thro-
ugh the cost of food. Having to depend
largely upon canned products, the ad-
vanced cost is noticed. But it is stat-
ed that the prices are even higher
in this country than they are in India.
Dr. and Mrs. Esch and family will
leave for their former home in Hes-
ton, Kansas, tomorrow.

TRADE COMMISSION AFTER OPERATORS

Charge That Owners of Coal
Mines Are Robbing the
Consumers.

CHARGING SEVERAL HUN- DRED TIMES TOO MUCH

Ask Congress to Permit Gov-
ernment Agent to Fix Prices;
Books Were "Doctored."

Washington, May 21.—Charging
that mine operators are charging ex-
orbitant prices for coal, often several
hundred times the cost of production,
the federal trade commission urged
Congress to establish control, giving
government agents power to fix prices.

The commission declared the coal
operators "doctored" the books and
that vast discrepancies were found be-
tween the actual prices at the mine
and the recorded prices. It urged
regulation of coal distribution from
the mine to the ultimate consumer
with authority to allot coal to vari-
ous classes of consumers.

FRENCH AND GERMAN TORPEDO BOATS CLASH

London, May 21.—Outpost engage-
ment between German and French
torpedo boats were officially reported
in both Berlin and Paris statements.
One French torpedo boat was slight-
ly damaged, Paris stated. Berlin de-
scribed the fight as a "short outpost
engagement off Flanders," declaring
that "French ships were repeatedly
hit and ours undamaged."

O. E. READY TO BUILD WAREHOUSE FOR MURPHY

H. S. Logan, agent for the Oregon
Electric, is in receipt of the plans for
the new warehouse east of the freight
depot on Water street, between Jack-
son and Thurston.

The new building will be 40x210
feet, and 40x40 feet of the structure
will be two stories high. The build-
ing will cost over \$5000.
Murphy & Co., have moved from
their store on Second street and are
now located on First and Ferry
streets. The Democrat will be locat-
ed in the building vacated by Murphy
about June 1.

DEATH OF DEACON EDWIN EELLS REVIVES HISTORY

Cyrus H. Walker Tells of Foun-
ding of Missions and Schools
By Early Pioneers.

(By Cyrus Walker, Oldest living
white man born west of the Rocky
Mountains.)

The death of Deacon Edwin Eells,
the oldest white man born in Wash-
ington territory, in Tacoma last
Wednesday, May 16, has an interest
for many people in Albany and the
Willamette valley. Deacon Eells was
a boyhood playmate of Cyrus Walk-
er of this city, the oldest living white
man born west of the Rocky Moun-
tains. Mrs. Elizabeth Spaulding War-
ren, daughter of Rev. Henry Hart
Spaulding of Idaho, is the oldest liv-
ing white child born west of the di-
vide.

Deacon Eells was 76 years old and
was the eldest son of Rev. and Mrs.
Cushing Eells, missionary to the In-
dians. He acquired his early educa-
tion at schools established by his
father. He organized the first Con-
gregational church in the state of
Washington at Walla Walla.

The following contribution by Cy-
rus Walker, a boyhood playmate and
lifelong friend of Deacon Eells, is
interesting from a personal and his-
toric standpoint.

Edwin Eells was born at Tshima-
kain, on the Spokane Mission at a
place 35 miles northwest of Spokane,
and what is now known as Walker's
Prairie, named after my father. The
mission was established in 1839, the
founders and their wives crossing the
plains. Edwin and I were playmates
until the Whitman massacre of No-
vember 29, 1847, broke up the Spo-
kanee Mission and that of the Nez
Perce conducted by Rev. H. H.
Spaulding.

The Reverends Elkannah Walker
and Cushing Eells and families were
conducted to the Willamette Valley
by some of the Cayuse War Volun-
teers, reaching Oregon City June 21,
1848. The Walkers resided here for
a time.

Rev. Eells went to Salem and took
charge of the Salem Institute estab-
lished by the Methodists. In the fall
of 1848 the Walkers and Eells were
again united, both removing to For-
est Grove, where Rev. Eells took
charge of the beginnings of Pacific
University. He taught here for some
years and at a school near Hillsboro,
living on a donation land claim. He
returned to Forest Grove to teach
again, and then, in the early '60's he
returned to the deserted Whitman
College, donating large sums of mon-
ey for its endowment. He was in edu-
cational and missionary work for the
rest of his life.

Deacon Eells is survived by six
children. He had two sons, Edwin
and Myron. The latter was an or-
dained minister, devoting much of his
time to missionary work among the
Indians, principally at Skykomish
Agency where his brother Edwin
was agent. Myron died some years
ago. He was a noted author, two of
his books, "Ten Years at Skokomish"
and "History of Oregon Missions,"
being in the Albany public library.

Edwin Eells was United States
agent continuously for nearly 20
years, the last being spent at Puyal-
up agency near Seattle. All four of
the above four are dead, while four
out of eight children of Rev. Elkannah
and Mary R. Walker are living. They
are Cyrus Walker, Albany; Abigail B.
Karr, of North Yakima, Wash.; Rev.
J. Enkanah Walker of Toochow and
Shaow, China, where he was sent as
a missionary in 1872; and Samuel T.
Walker, the youngest child, who is
living on a part of the original dona-
tion land claim of Rev. E. Walker
near Forest Grove.

But few of the earlier Oregon pio-
neers are living. Some of them will
be at the Oregon Pioneers' Reunion
at Portland, July 17. The date was
changed from June 17 in order that
the meeting can be held in Portland's
fine new auditorium. A record at-
tendance is expected.

SENATOR LANE IMPROVING; STILL SERIOUSLY ILL

San Francisco, May 21.—United
States Senator Lane of Oregon, is
improving but is still dangerously
ill, the doctors said this afternoon.

GERMANS PLAN DRIVE ON RUSSIA

Troops Taken From Western
Front Preparatory to Force
Peace From New Republic.

HINDENBERG LINE DENTED BY ALLIES ATTACKS

Several Lines of the German
Trenches Fall; Italians
Pushing Line Forward.

London, May 21.—British and
French forces started another joint
offensive. General Haig captured ad-
ditional sections of the Hindenburg
line. Nevelle took "several lines" of
German trenches, achieving a bril-
liant success north of the slopes of
Mount Cornillet. A resumption of
the Allied activity follows a week's
lull. Hindenburg is hurrying his
shattered and exhausted divisions on
the west front to northern and eastern
battlegrounds, where they are being
reformed preparatory to a drive
on the Russian front. Fresh divisions
from the Pustozhans were sent to
France. It is expected that Hinden-
burg will try to take Petrograd.
The purpose of the general is to scare
Russia into a separate peace and sec-
ond to use gains there as a lever
against the Allies. British head-
quarters estimated that twenty Ger-
man divisions have been smashed
since the start of the offensive.

BERLIN REPORT

Berlin, May 21.—The French suc-
ceeded in gaining a hold on Mount
Cornillet and the British occupied a
"completely demolished trench, aban-
doned in accord with our plans," it is
officially stated.

PLOT TO BLOW UP OFFICERS TRAINING CAMP

Fort Snelling, Minn., May 21
Finding a blueprint with writing in
a foreign language on the reserva-
tion, led military authorities to be-
lieve there was a plot to dynamite the
fort where 2500 reserve officers are
training. The finding was reported to
the department of justice.

HIPPODROME GOES STRONG WITH GLOBE PATRONS

A thoroughly pleased audience
packed the Globe theatre last even-
ing to witness the first showing of
regular Portland Hippodrome vaude-
ville in this city, and they went home
with the determination to come again
next Sunday and following Sundays
as long as Manager Meyer brings
vaudeville to his house.

Gene and Kathryn King proved
artistic laugh provokers, and they
sprung more new jokes in a minute
than most of the audience had heard
in a few years. Myles McCarthy &
Co., in the comedy sketch was also
good, and displayed some good act-
ing. Miller, Scott and Fuller sung in
good harmony and delighted the
crowd with their clever comedy.

Next week an even better bill will
be given, including the three leading
acts of the Portland bill, which are
Cowles and Dustin, harmony singers;
Rathbrock and McGrade, the Irish
Troubadors in a musical act, and the
Douglas Flint Co., in a comedy
sketch, "A Merchant Prince." Eight
people on this bill. The following
Sunday comes a monster bill with 11
people and six performing seals.



VIVIAN MARTIN
"The Right Direction"
PALLAS-PARAMOUNT

Scene from "The Right Direction" featuring Vivian
Martin at the Globe tonight.