

EBERT FORCES IN WESEL MAKING A DESPERATE STAND IN FACE OF ODDS

Troops of Communists Assaulting City From all Sides; Fighting is Continued Throughout the Day.

KRUPPS FURNISH GUNS

Attacking Reds Gain in Strength and Numbers; Relieving Troops are Sent From Berlin.

BUDERICH, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—The Ebert government troops are still holding Wesel according to the latest dispatches which were received this afternoon at four o'clock from across the Rhine. Their was continual fighting during the entire day.

Indications are that a lull in the assault before the fortress may come before night. The artillery has been hammering ceaselessly at the fort surrounding the city and the pressure of the Spartans offensive seems to be increasing.

The government is doubtful whether the garrison will be able to hold out indefinitely against the Reds. The latter seem to be plentifully supplied with ammunition and it is reported that they are securing more from the Krupp works at Essen which is in their hands.

Additional government troops are being dispatched to the Ruhr district where conditions have been going steadily against the Ebert troops. Reds have increased their forces enormously in the last few days and their army is now considerably above 100,000 men in strength.

German Cabinet Resigns
PARIS, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—The German cabinet head by Premier Gustave Bauer is reported to have resigned today according to a message which has been received from Berlin.

Reds Active Again
LONDON, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—The Bolsheviks are said to have occupied Maikop, a town in the territory of Kuban, Ciscaucasia, according to a wireless message sent out from the Soviet government at Moscow today.

WITNESS MAKES SERIOUS CHARGE

Says Labor Union is I. W. W. Organization During Bisbee Trial

TOMBSTONE, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—The miners strike in the Warren Mining district which began in June 1917 and which was in force when the Bisbee deportations are alleged to have occurred was called by the metal mine workers union according to Fred W. Brown, witness for the prosecution in the trial of Harry Wotton, charged with complicity in the kidnapping connected with the alleged deportations.

New Classified

FOR SALE—Holstein cow, fresh; 3rd calf; also sow and six pigs 6 weeks old. Choice Duroc gilts farrowing in April. Phone 50-F-5, N. A. Lind Albany, Oregon. 26m29
FOR SALE—Team harness and wagon; McCormick mower, section lever harrow, 12 inch steel plow, single shovel plow. C. C. Bray at Fortmiller Furniture Co., 26m30
FOR RENT—Small House on Independence road, 1/2 mile north of steel bridge. Some fruit and garden. Roy Kelly, Route 4, Albany. 26m29*

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IRISH MAGISTRATE SHOT DEAD TODAY REPORT IN LONDON

LONDON, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—Allan Bell, resident magistrate who presided into the dealings of the Sinn Fein members with the Irish banks was shot dead this morning outside of the Masonic club in Dublin, according to a despatch which has been received here today at the Central News bureau.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

F. M. Crosby Will be Buried From His Residence

Funeral services of F. M. Crosby who died Thursday in Albany will be held from the residence at 240 East Fourth street Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. W. H. Lee will officiate. Crosby was an Oregon pioneer of 1849 and resident of Albany for the past 10 years.

He was born at Cambridge, N. Y., and spent the earlier years of his life in that state. He served throughout the Mexican war, participating in many engagements. When he crossed the plains to Oregon in 1849 he located at Oregon City. Later he resided for several years in Portland and then in southern Oregon. He came to Albany in 1880, and had lived here ever since. He was a member of the Oddfellows for almost half a century. Mr. Crosby is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Maude Bartlage of Hood River.

SIX CANDIDATES ARE INITIATED

Local Elks Stage Many Stunts for New Members

Initiation of six candidates was staged last evening at the meeting of Albany Lodge No. 359 B. P. O. E., which terminated the reign of G. L. Lewelling as exalted ruler. Those taking the initiation were George E. Sanders, F. E. Livengood, George Parker, G. A. Flood and W. E. Nichols of Corvallis and Dale Kimes of Toledo.

JURY TAMPERING IS LOOKED INTO

District Atty. Probes Actions of Wobblies

SEATTLE, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—Charges that Industrial Workers of the World have been tampering with the jury venues are being investigated by the prosecuting attorney here it was announced today.

It is alleged that members of the I. W. W. representing themselves to be officials of the district attorney's office went among the veniremen and subjected them to examinations. It is charged that some of these investigators wore stars.

It is said that threats were made by the alleged investigators which being reported to the state's attorney disclosed the work being done.

ALMA JOHNSON SUES HUSBAND

Alma Johnson, of this county, files suit today in the circuit court against her husband, a resident of Grant county, for a decree annulling the bonds of matrimony and granting her the custody of the two minor children. The Johnsons were married in Morrow county January 7 1903. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant has called her vile and indecent names, in the presence of her children and other persons for the purpose of harassing and annoying her, and that he is guilty of illicit relations with other women. The defendant has also charged the plaintiff with improper relations with other men.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS OF WESTERN OREGON ASSEMBLE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS SALARY PROBLEMS

DIRECTORS AND BOARD MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS TOWNS IN STATE CONVENE IN ALBANY TO REGULATE ISSUES ARISING FROM LACK OF STANDARDIZED SCALE OF WAGES TO TEACHERS; STATE SU PT. OF SCHOOLS HERE.

Adoption of a standard minimum salary scale for teachers in the public schools of the state that would be adequate to cover the increased cost of living was strongly advocated by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill at the meeting of school officials of the towns of Western and Southern Oregon which convened in the public library in Albany this afternoon. Churchill outlined a minimum which he stated he believed would be sufficient to cover the needs of the teachers at the present time and for the coming year. For grade school teachers he said that \$125 a month should be the lowest sum paid, with an increase of \$5 a month for each year of service. High school teachers he said should get under the proposed new minimum \$135 with \$5 increases in the state of service.

The state official said that a minimum salary scale had been adopted at The Dalles yesterday and gave the figures which were slightly lower than the scale he proposed. He said that another meeting would be held at La Grande tomorrow for the same

purpose and prophesied that a higher minimum would be voted there than even the one he proposed.

A. C. Schmitt of Albany who was elected to act as chairman of the meeting made a short address to the assembled officials and dwelt upon the urgency of making some adequate provision for the teachers. He said that it was necessary for the welfare of the children and the taxpayers that some action be taken.

The gathering which is the first of the kind that has been attempted in Oregon was largely attended. Among those that were present were Superintendents J. O. McLaughlin of Corvallis, George W. Hugg, of McMinnville, George A. Brisco of Ashland, J. G. Imel of Grants Pass, B. T. Youel of Silverton, Mrs. H. B. Cosper of Dallas, John W. Todd of Salem, W. I. Mishler of Woodburn, E. H. Lennon of Roseburg, and W. G. Beattie of Cottage Grove and Robert H. Downe of Lebanon and C. W. Boettcher of Albany.

Towns represented were: Salem, Corvallis, Lebanon, Ashland, Oregon City, Medford, Astoria, Grants Pass, Silverton, McMinnville, Cottage Grove, Springfield, Woodburn, Roseburg, Eugene, Dallas and Newberg.

KIDNAPPED BOY FOUND IN HOTEL

Abductor Abandons \$25,000 Ransom Left in Ash Can by Parents

LEXINGTON, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—Paul Little aged 12, son of E. R. Little a Lexington capitalist, who was held for ransom by kidnapers was located this morning in a room in one of the hotels of this city. The boy was unharmed and told his rescuers that he had been kept a prisoner there since last Wednesday night.

Last night Little, father of the boy deposited \$25,000 in an empty ash can as he had been directed to do by the abductor. The latter however failed to show up and claim the money. Authorities believe he became alarmed by the insistent search for his whereabouts and lost his nerve.

Investigation has disclosed that the room key was turned in to the clerk at the hotel at 7 o'clock this morning. The boy called his mother on the telephone fifteen minutes later and informed her of his whereabouts.

No thing has been seen of "Cox" since he left the hotel. The police secured a good description of the kidnapper from young Little and expect to have the man in custody before many hours have passed. The boy could give no explanation of why his captor had neglected to take the money.

The boy disappeared from his home last in the company of the alleged "Cox" and notification that he was being held for \$25,000 was received by the father the following day. Little immediately published an announcement that the sum would be paid.

EXILED EMPEROR IS OFFICIALLY OFFERED THRONE

GENEVA, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—Admiral Horthy, regent of Hungary, has secretly but officially offered the Hungarian throne to the former Emperor Charles with the assurance that everything had been arranged for the return of a Hapsburg monarchy with the consent of the majority of the population, according to information which has been received from Parnings, where the former Emperor lives.

CHURCH VOTES FAVOR WOMEN

Poll of Members Indicates a Majority Approve Giving Feminine Rights

A majority of the members of the Presbyterian church in Albany are in favor of giving women further rights in the church according to the ballot on this question that has been taken in Albany by Rev. D. V. Poling.

Answers to three queries as to whether women shall be ordained to eldership in the church, ordained to the ministry and have the same rights as men in all the church assemblies show that a majority out of the number voting favored allowing these privileges.

The canvass was made in the Albany church upon the request of the committee appointed by the General Assembly of the church in New York City of which Rev. S. Hall Young is chairman. Similar ballots were asked for all over the country.

Seventy-six votes were cast by members of the church here. Of these thirty-seven voted "Yes" to all three questions. Twenty-eight voted "No" on the question of ministry. Three voted "No" on questions No. 1 and 2 and "Yes" on No. 3.

Dr. Poling, pastor of the church here voted "Yes" on all three questions and in this he was supported by six of the eleven elders. Of the five deacons four voted "Yes" on all questions excepting the one pertaining to the ministry. Three trustees voted "Yes" on all questions.

Members of the Albany church consider the vote as an indication of the progressiveness of their congregation and have sent requests to other cities in Oregon to learn the results of the vote there.

LAVISH EXPENSES OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HIT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—Charging that "War Profiteers" had combined to control the republican and democratic National conventions, Senator Borah of Idaho, told the senate today that the pre-convention expenses of some presidential candidates presented a "shameless situation". He promised a "Saturnalia" of corruption unless Congress called a halt.

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FOUR PEOPLE ARE KILLED AS RESULT OF A SNOW SLIDE

SALT LAKE, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—Four people, E. M. Parr, his wife and two sons were killed early today, when their home at Bingham, 30 miles southeast of here was destroyed by a snow slide. The bodies were recovered. The home situated on the side of a hill was entirely demolished.

NO CANDIDATES OUT FOR OFFICE

Commissioner's Job Lacks Aspirants at Present

Among the important county officers to be filled at the coming election there appears to be more than an ordinary interest centered on selecting the proper man for county commissioner. In view of the vast amount of money to be expended on the highways, it is stated that a successful business man should be selected regardless of his party affiliations.

W. W. Poland of Shedd is the only man who has been mentioned as far as is known for the place and it is reported that he is not a candidate. However his friends may induce him to come out for the primaries.

SUMMER RATES ARE ANNOUNCED

Railroad to Make Reductions in its Fairs

Passenger Traffic Manager Chas. S. Fee announces that the Southern Pacific will this year make effective low local summer resort rates to mountains and seashores. Two classes of tickets will be sold commencing April 30. One ticket will be sold daily at a 20 per cent reduction from the regular round trip rate and will be good for ninety days with final limit October 31.

Another ticket intended to meet the requirements of the average vacationist will be sold on Fridays and Saturdays, will be good for fifteen days and will cost one-third less than the regular round trip rate.

CASHIER OF LOAN OFFICE ROBBED BY LONE BANDIT

Unmasked Robber Secures \$2,000 and Escapes

SPOKANE, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—An unmasked man held up Miss Edith M. Winslow, bookkeeper at the Fidelity Savings and Loan Societies office, in the business district here, and forced her to give him \$2000 in currency. He escaped. At about the same time of the robbery a call was received at the police station saying that a shooting affair was taking place at another place in the business district. Subsequent investigations disclosed no shooting has occurred.

HEAD BUMPS ARE READ BY EXPERT

Cranial protuberances are the subject of animated discussions that are taking place among the students of the Albany high school since the phrenological seances were conducted there the other day by Mrs. Jean Ellis, noted expert on phrenology.

Considerable satisfaction is said to exist among a great number of the students because of the favorable "communiques" issued by Mrs. Ellis after an examination of the protuberances on their heads.

Wise Socrates! Venerable Greek Sage!

Condemned to die, about to drink the deadly hemlock, yet he executed one last stroke of masterful intellect and judgment—to sell his yacht and roadster, he put an Ad in the Democrat Classified Columns!

BRITISH WHIPPED IN THE JUTLAND NAVAL BATTLE IS STATEMENT MADE

Rear Admiral Plunkett Before Senate Committee Says Huns Turned English on Their Heads.

DANIELS IS BLAMED

Witness Says that Secretary Refused to Allow Navy Sufficient Men or Means to Get Them During the War.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—By Associated Press—The Germans by their superior gunnery "turned the British fighting ships on their heads" at the battle of Jutland, Rear Admiral Plunkett declared today before the committee appointed by the senate to investigate the conduct of the navy during the war.

Admiral Plunkett did not go into any detail of the battle but merely made the statement that the British were totally outclassed by the Germans at all points and completely demoralized by the superior gunnery of the latter. He was not asked any questions regarding the engagement.

Plunkett told the committee that the United States navy was without sufficient men at the outbreak of the war. He enumerated various instances of lack of men that was extremely detrimental to proper operation of existing fighting craft and spoke of vessels that were forced to remain idle because of the shortage.

When asked for the reason for this lack of men, by one of the committee, Plunkett replied that "we did not have the men because secretary Daniels would not let us have them." He said further that despite the seriousness of the situation Daniels not only refused to take any action toward securing them himself but "refused to let us do anything toward getting them."

Plunkett was one of the high ranking officers of the American navy during the war and had charge of operations under Admiral Sims.

HONOR IS PAID TO REV. YOUNG

Congregation Gives Farewell Reception to Departing Baptist Pastor

An informal reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. George H. Young was given last evening by members of his congregation in the parlors of the Baptist church. Many tributes of admiration and appreciation were paid to Dr. Young by his friends during the course of the evening.

Dr. Young has served as pastor of the Baptist church in Albany for the past six years and in addition to being highly considered as the head of his faith here, enjoys as well an enviable reputation throughout Linn county as a public spirited citizen.

No one in Albany played a more prominent part in the allied war drives throughout the community than did Dr. Young. As chairman of the Linn county chapter of the American Red Cross, he devoted time and energies unsparingly to the conscientious fulfillment of his duties. In similar war time efforts he was depended upon and never failed to respond.

Dr. Young left this morning for Idaho to enter upon his duties as Field Secretary of education for the church. He returns to Albany to preach his farewell sermon on Easter Sunday. His family will remain in Albany until the close of the school year and then move to Portland the new headquarters of Dr. Young.

One of the numbers on the program last night at the reception was a song written in honor of Dr. Young and his family by Mrs. Dora Flood, which was sung by a trio of three ladies at the gathering.