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ROCKETS ARE USED TO WARN ALLIED SHIPS OF SUBMARINES

Middle Atlantic Coast is Patrolled by British and French Warships and Aeroplanes

GERMANY NOT TO BLOCK- ADE U. S. PORTS TO TRADE

Ambassador Gerard Returns from Germany States That Entente Powers Will Not Operate to Sever Neutrality with America

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 11.—Parts of the coast in this region are being illuminated tonight with rockets sent up from British and French warships on the Atlantic patrol, warning merchant vessels that hostile submarines may be lurking in the vicinity.

Aeroplanes also are being used by the British cruisers for convoy duty. One British ship bound for South America with cargo left port and soon afterward an aeroplane was seen to arise from the deck of one of the warships and convey her for a considerable distance.

Gerard Enters Denial

New York, Oct. 11.—James W. Gerard, United States ambassador to Germany, made an explicit statement here this afternoon that it is not true "that I have come home this time to serve notice on President Wilson that it is Germany's intention to repudiate her pledges regarding the conduct of her submarine warfare or that Germany is contemplating a resumption of submarine attacks against all kinds of ships."

Germany to Keep Pledge

New York, Oct. 11.—Following an extended conference with James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany will agree to refrain from attacking German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff this afternoon stated that there will be no recurrence of U-boat warfare, and that Germany does not contemplate in any way violating its pledges to the United States.

The statement was considered of especial importance at this time in view of the fact that Ambassador Gerard is believed to have brought to the United States definite statements from the German foreign office regarding its present attitude on submarine warfare, and that Count von Bernstorff is believed to have received similar information from Germany through dispatches delivered by Captain Hans Rose, commander of the U-53.

Von Bernstorff's announcement contradicted earlier statements that the conference between the two diplomats was devoted solely to discussion of personal matters.

Will Not Attempt Blockade

Washington, Oct. 11.—That Germany will agree to refrain from attempting to blockade American ports with a submarine fleet but will insist on the right to operate generally along regular steamship lines in attack upon "enemy commerce," is the belief expressed here today in administration and diplomatic circles.

It is believed this position will be assumed when the United States reiterates to Germany the protest similarly made regarding Anglo-French operations of the larger harbors on the Atlantic coast. It is thought that Germany already has carefully considered the effect submarine operations on American public sentiment and that the trip of the U-53 was made with the purpose of bringing the matter to a head.

The fact that the United States, as leading neutral, has refused to accept the contention of the allies that submarines should be denied the rights of American ports is expected to aid in amicable solution of the submarine question, especially if the government makes the friendly request that Germany keep her craft away from American waters.

Leaves After 3 Weeks' Visit

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Beckett have left for their home at McConnelville, Ohio, after a three weeks' visit here at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. Middleton. Mr. and Mrs. Beckett will make a leisurely trip going by way of California and Texas.

FRUIT INSPECTOR TELLS HOW TO PREVENT BLIGHT

Spray Now With 6-6-50 Bordeaux Mixture, He Advises; Don't Wait Until Rains Begin

"To prevent California peach blight, spray now with a 6-6-50 Bordeaux mixture," is the advice of C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector to fruit men in the county. "If trees are not badly infected, the lime sulphur solution used at the rate of one gallon to eight or ten gallons of water will keep the disease under control," he adds.

Peach blight infections will start directly after the fall rains begin, and one should not wait until the leaves are off the trees to spray, as it then will be too late for the best results. Cover all parts of the tree thoroughly.

"Young apple trees, not in bearing, should be sprayed at this time to prevent anthracnose, with the 6-6-50 Bordeaux mixture or the lime-sulphur solution at rate of one gallon to eight gallons of water.

"All bearing apple trees should be sprayed with one of the above solutions just as soon as the fruit is off of the trees, as no fungus diseases can be stopped with spray after the infections have once started.

"The lime-sulphur solution used at rate of one part to eight of water is apt to injure the fruit buds on young De Anjou pear trees."

WILL INSPECT, TOMORROW

Southern Pacific Officials Will Look Over Springfield Property

The officials of the Southern Pacific company who are on a tour of inspection of their equipment in Oregon will leave Eugene at 4:30 a. m. Friday and go to Oakridge. They will return from there, inspect the track on the Wendling branch and arrive at the local depot by 9:30.

"Everything is in good shape," said Andrew Ruddiman, yard superintendent, when interviewed this afternoon.

Today is Columbus Day

On October twelfth 424 years ago, Christopher Columbus discovered America, and this date has been designated as the anniversary of that event. In celebration, programs are being given in some of the grades of the local schools. The stores and banks will not observe the date, but the post office closed at noon for the remainder of the day.

Ready For Rally Saturday Evening

At a call meeting of the Woodrow Wilson League held last night, committees were appointed to look after decorating the hall and attending to other matters preparatory to the Democratic rally to be held here Saturday evening, October 14. Forty three members were out to last night's meeting.

Local Rebekahs to go to Harrisburg

A number of local members of the Rebekah lodge plan to attend the district convention at Harrisburg, on Wednesday evening, October 13. Among those who expect to make the trip are: Mesdames L. E. Durkin, Anna Glendinning, Al Montgomery, D. Crouch, Ed Collins, J. P. Fry, Vina McLean, C. M. Dority, N. Griffin, H. E. Walker, W. F. Walker, Mattie Hinson, and Mary C. Magill.

Walter Dimm Joins S. H. S. Faculty

On Tuesday afternoon from 3:15 until 4:15 Walter Dimm, editor of the Springfield News, will meet with the members of the high school Press Club, organized Tuesday. The organization, which has 12 members, will meet once a week at the high school, and plans to take up a course of work which will take the place of English composition, but which will not be a regular course in journalism. Miss Effie Rhodes is the instructor.

Blind Student Carries Message

Leslie Blades, a blind boy, honor student at the University of Oregon, orator and dramatic writer is carrying the message of the Young Men's Christian Association to the men employed in the lumber camps at Wendling. His first talk there was given last Friday.

CAMP GROUND IS SUCCESS

Visitors Give it Second Place in State; Money is Collected for it

Twenty three dollars was secured by J. E. Edwards Tuesday, when he circulated a subscription among the business houses of the city for the upkeep of the Auto Camp Grounds. In addition to this the city gave \$17.50 to the fund which made the total received \$40.50, which is \$3.16 more than the expenses for the summer.

Mr. Edwards states that the Camp Ground Committee thinks this summer a very successful season. Besides those cars from points in the state, there were 64 out-of-the-state autos which stopped at the grounds for one or two nights.

An encouraging fact with respect to the local camp ground, is that it is placed second only to Ashland in the matter of accommodations for travelers and in pleasant grounds.

The project will be continued next year.

BOOK COMMITTEE MEETS

New List of Volumes Will Be Ordered For Library Soon

At a meeting of the library book committee held in the reading room at 7:30 Tuesday evening, plans were made for ordering a new list of books to arrive before the first of the year. These will probably consist mainly of history and fiction works, according to Mrs. Hanna Hill, librarian, but the exact list has not yet been decided on, nor has the amount of money which will be available been determined.

The members of the committee present Tuesday evening were: Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mrs. L. K. Page, Mrs. H. E. Walker, Mrs. Vina McLean, Miss Mary Roberts, Mrs. Lee Clark, Mrs. Dan Gore, and Mrs. Hannah Hill.

Increase of Nine In City Schools

488 Students Now Registered in Springfield; First Report is Issued

There is now an enrollment of 488 students in the Springfield public schools. This is an increase of nine over the number enrolled at this time last year. Five of this year's students have entered since last Friday.

This fact is one of those embodied in the first report to the county superintendent just issued by Superintendent R. L. Kirk. The report covers only 10 days instead of the usual 30, since school has been in session here only two weeks. Among other information given in the report is the following:

The room having the highest percentage is the seventh grade.

High school tuition for first 10 days—\$186.50. This amount represents what Springfield has received from the county high school fund.

The remainder of the report follows: Days taught, 10; Days attendance, 4646; Days absence, 78; Cases tardiness, 2; Number neither absent nor tardy, 410; Average no. pupil belonging, 472; Average daily attendance, 464; Visits by parents, 4; Visits by school board, 9.

Brush Fires Near Wendling

Several fires from burning slashings have gotten away from the farmers in the vicinity of Wendling and the Booth-Kelly Lumber company had to call out 100 men Monday to protect the company's timber holdings. The fires are under control at this time and no serious damage has been done to the forests.

Put Up Fire Chart for Pupils

A fire chart, the first one ever put up, has been tacked up in the lower hall at the Lincoln school. The quickest possible way for the children from each room to reach the downstairs hall and the outdoors is shown by lines and arrows. The plan of marching was designated by Superintendent Kirk and J. F. Godard's manual training students did the drawing.

Renovating the Peoples' Market

All the woodwork and fixtures of the Peoples' Market, recently purchased by Charles Hardt, are being enameled in white, and the outside of the building is receiving a couple of coats of white paint. Ed Perkins is doing the work. A little later Mr. Hardt plans to secure some new fixtures and machinery for the shop. He plans to open for business about Wednesday, October 13.

SUGGESTS REVISION IN TAXING SYSTEM OF MEXICO'S MINES

American Committee Submits a Readjustment Plan to Carranza Conferees

LEVIES BASED ON PROFITS

Resuming of Operations Considered Important for Employment of Idle Natives

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 9.—The committee, headed by William Loeb, Jr., representing American mining interests in Mexico, met the Mexican Commissioners and urged on them the necessity for modifying the Carranza taxation decrees if mining was to be resumed on a large scale.

The committee outlined a system of taxation, which it regarded as the heaviest that could be imposed on Mexican mines without forcing the abandonment of properties. This system provided the lighter taxes for low-grade properties and the heavier taxes for richer mines. The present orders of Carranza tax one type of mine just as heavily as another.

The Mexican Commissioners have protested that this discrimination was difficult without a costly system of checking by the Government and that some of the Carranza decrees had been misconstructed and were less harsh than they appeared.

One of the American Commissioners said that the Mexican conferees, after receiving advice from the mining interests on taxation, resolved to continue to work for a system of taxation suitable to the Mexicans.

Disposed to Co-operate

The statement issued by the joint commission today was as follows: The American Commissioners held a second conference with the representatives of the American mining interests this afternoon. It is a source of gratification to find the companies disposed to co-operate in bringing about improved conditions in Mexico, particularly in promoting the resumption of normal industrial activity. They have expressed their willingness to co-operate with the Mexican Government in providing improved conditions of transportation and in resuming operations of life and property can be provided and a workable system of taxes and mining regulations can be agreed upon.

"The representatives of the mining industries have been in conference with Mr. Cabera, the Secretary of Finance and Mr. Paul, Director General of National Railways, discussing fully and frankly these matters of mutual interest. Many questions of detail are under discussion, as, for example, the restoration of the roadbeds of the railways, provisions for the adequate rolling stock and equipment, &c. If satisfactory agreements can be reached with reference to these matters, especially the resumption of mining activities improved conditions in Mexico can be confidently expected.

"Such resumption would be distinctly beneficial in furnishing employment to the great mass of unemployed Mexican labor, and would also be a source of immediate revenue to the Mexican Government. The necessary prerequisite to such a plan would be the return to Mexico of American mining operators who have withdrawn during the recent disturbances. The Government of the United States cannot encourage such return until satisfactory assurances are given with reference to the safety of life and property in the district in which operations are to be resumed."

To Liberate 5000 Pheasants

Five thousand Chinese pheasants will be liberated in the Willamette valley next week and Lane county will receive a good share of them, according to E. C. Hills, deputy state game warden for this county. Several hundred of the birds will be liberated in this county says the deputy. They will come from the state game farm.

Mrs. R. G. Van Valzah Receives \$1,000

Mari Male, clerk of the local assembly of The United Artisans announces that he has just received a \$1,000 fraternal endowment for Mrs. R. G. Van Valzah.

DR. W. C. REBHAN GETS BIT

Suffers Painful Wound in Left Hand But Worse Fate Befalls Dog

Since Tuesday evening, Dr. W. C. Rebhan has been displaying a bandaged left hand. It happened this way. As the Doctor was coming along at a pretty good clip after a professional call at Marcola, a dog—one of the breed which habitually chases automobiles—jumped up in front of the car from the side of the road.

It was dark and as Dr. Rebhan had not seen the animal before it jumped, he ran over it. When he went back to see the extent of the dog's injuries, the latter fastened his teeth in the doctor's left hand, and refused to loosen his hold, until induced to do so by a pair of pliers. The wound, which is in the fleshy part of the hand between the base of the thumb and the index finger, was cauterized and dressed immediately, and while it is painful, there seems to be no danger, the doctor said. "I believe the dog died," he added.

Painting O. P. Stacks

Two steeplejacks, R. F. Warren and Harry Green, who hail from somewhere, are painting the smoke-stacks on the building of the Oregon Power company's plant. The highest stack on the local plant is about 140 feet high. These men have painted the stacks for the Oregon Power company at Dallas, Independence and Albany before coming here.

Another Potato Comes Up

George B. Kintzley, who lives at the corner of Ninth and G streets raised a potato in his garden today that had a bracelet around one of its arms. This ten-inch Burbank in the process of growing sent one arm through a "roundsteak bone" and grew quite a fat on the other side. It is on display in the window at the News office.

Boys May Now Enlist in Springfield

A "Men Wanted For The United States Army" sign was placed over the entrance to the Springfield post office this morning, and recruits may now fill out enlistment blanks and undergo the examinations at the hands of Postmaster Harry M. Stewart.

Art Windows are Delayed

A telegram was received Tuesday stating that the large art glass windows for the new Methodist church would not be completed for at least three weeks. The delay seems to be caused by the fact that the glass company is under no contract with the building contractor.

Don't Forget Candy Day

On next Saturday, October 14th, confectioners everywhere will try out a new event in the nature of "National Candy Day." Appropriate displays and advertising campaigns are being waged everywhere, in order that the event as a business opener of autumn activity may be made a success.

Appointed Juvenile Officer

J. W. Perkins has received the appointment of juvenile officer for Lane county, as well as that of truant officer. Mr. Perkins states that he wishes the cooperation of the people and will try to handle the office with the utmost discretion and care.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. N. Ferris, minister. Bible School at 10: A. M. Divine worship at 11:00 A. M. Theme of sermon by pastor, "Our Obligation and Opportunity." Do not miss this message, for upon these two things hinge the success of our church.

Senior and Junior societies at 6:30 P. M. Pastor will speak at 7:30. Theme, "Why Will Ye Die?" Special music. All are cordially invited. Strangers always welcome.

Gets the Buck He Went After

E. E. Lee returned yesterday afternoon from a four days' hunting trip up the McKenzie, near Cook's Inn. Mr. Lee bagged a deer the day before he returned home which weighed 100 pounds, dressed.

Go Hunting for Pheasants

A. Middleton, Riley Snodgrass and Elmer Poe of Portland left Tuesday to hunt pheasants for a few days around Halsey. They plan to return the last of the week.

Captain Scott of Portland, a Salvation army man, will speak in the W. O. W. Hall Sunday for the Methodist church.

Mr. Ryberg of the Coast Range Lumber company at Mabel is in the Springfield hospital with a bad case of typhoid fever.

\$200 TO BE TO CITY ANNUALLY BY NEW SCHEME

City Fathers Change Salaries And Duties of Recorder And Treasurer

GOES INTO EFFECT NOV. 20

Monday Night Session is Busy One; Many Other Matters Discussed and Decided

An arrangement whereby the city of Springfield will be saved \$200 annually was perfected at the monthly session of the council, held in the city hall last Monday evening.

The manner in which the saving is to be effected is as follows: The council has decided to make a change in the duties of the recorder and treasurer, allowing the treasurer to be in charge of moneys on hand, only, and giving over to the recorder such clerical work as the collection of assessments which has heretofore been done by the treasurer. The salary of the treasurer is now reduced to \$100 a year, while the recorder is to receive \$65 per month. These changes go into effect immediately after the new officers take their places which will be on November 20.

Also at the Monday evening meeting the council approved the work just completed by the contractor on South Second street beyond D, and also approved the work done on Second street from Main to the millrace bridge.

Another matter which came up for consideration was that of the dissatisfaction of the bond attorneys—Woodcock, Smith and Bryson—with some of the proceedings of the sale of bonds for the improvement of G street, from Eighth to the Brattain estate. The council was asked to readvertise for the sale of bonds, which request was granted.

The subject of the collection of delinquent assessments was again discussed and the city attorney, S. P. News, was instructed to proceed with the collection of assessments, and where the principal or interest has not been paid, the same to be collected up to 1916.

The monthly reports of the recorder and treasurer were read and approved, and the usual bills were allowed.

MATHISON IS BROUGHT TO EUGENE AT LAST

Alleged Swindler of Camp Creek Man Arrives After Extradition Fight; Case to Come up Soon

At least, A. H. Bossen who has alleged that F. G. Mathison swindled him out of a Camp Creek farm worth \$10,000, will have a chance to appear against Mathison, for the latter has finally been brought to Eugene, after fighting extradition from California for a week. The grand jury convenes today and the case will be acted upon while in session.

Mathison was first arrested six weeks ago, but was released when Governor Withycombe declined to issue requisition papers, with a warrant, were sent to the chief of police of Oakland, where Mathison resided. Deputy Sheriff Elkins reached Sacramento a week ago Monday, and since that time has been fighting his case before the governor of California, and in the courts at Oakland, where habeas corpus proceedings were brought. Some evidence was brought from Texas to be used at the hearings.

Mathison has engaged O. H. Foster of Eugene as his attorney, and arrangements have so far failed for bail so that he would not be compelled to spend any time in the county jail. Besides Mr. Bossen, Mathison is charged with defrauding other Oregon farmers out of property valued at upwards of \$40,000. He is also charged with having given deeds to lands in Texas which he did not own, supporting his deeds with forged abstracts of title.

Real Estate Transfers

Allison B. Richardson of ux to Timothy Howard, part of lot 1, Clark & West Street addition to Springfield.