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FROST TONIGHT  
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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Maximum Yesterday 61;  
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MEDFORD OREGON, FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1916

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## WAITE ADMITTED PLANS TO KILL WIFE WHOM HE MARRIED ONLY FOR COIN

Amazing Career of Crime Revealed by Accused Dentist, Who Calmly Confesses Robbery, Murder and Degeneracy—Is Seeking to Convince Jury Is Insane—Alienists Testify That He Is Abnormal and Suffering From Moral Imbecility, Moral Idiocy and Moral Insanity.



DR. ARTHUR W. WAITE

NEW YORK, May 26.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite told an alienist testifying for his defense in his trial for the murder of John E. Peck, the Grand Rapids millionaire, that he had intended to kill his wife, Clara Peck Waite, and that he married her only for her money, according to testimony given by the alienist, Dr. Morris J. Karpus today. Dr. Karpus added that Waite said he did not intend to stop at anything to gain his ends.

Dr. Waite declined to admit that he had made himself appear worse than he was in order to convince the jury he was insane.

The alienists for Waite testified that he did not appear to be mentally well and that he was abnormal in that all his interests were centered in himself.

**Monster of Crime.**  
Waite's testimony left the prosecution's attorneys today nothing more to do toward proving that he committed murder. Their problem was to show that a monster of crime such as the defendant confessed himself might have been mentally normal and therefore a fit subject for the electric chair.

Counsel for the defense said today they had few, if any, more questions to ask their client. It was expected that the alienists would take the stand soon after the state finished cross-examining the defendant.

Waite told of a long career of crime. He described minutely how he gave his victims poison, powdered glass, chloroform, disease germs and abscesses of various kinds; how he burned the lungs and gave the residue, which he had contained in a bottle, to Mr. Peck; how he generated chloroform gas in the father-in-law's room to make him three times more sensitive to the gas; how he damaged the sheets in his bed, drove him in a swift moving automobile with open windows and raised the windows of his room in mid-winter in an unsuccessful effort to give him pneumonia.

**Alienist's Testimony.**  
"Waite gave me the impression of warped emotion as being an emotional in a marked degree," said Dr. Karpus. Waite told him he did not take his first proposal to Clara Peck very seriously, that he object to marrying her was to obtain social position and financial standing and that he was not accustomed to having

## ALLIES PLANNING MOVE AT SALONIKI

ATHENS, May 25, via Paris, May 26.—Exceptional military activity at Saloniki is believed here to portend developments of great importance. General Dudenov, chief of the British staff, and other officers of the allies who have been on leave in Athens have been recalled suddenly.

On May 14 Bulgaria was reported to be sending heavy reinforcements to the Saloniki front in anticipation of a general offensive by the allies. Since that time reports from various sources have reported activity on the part of the French and British forces, the most notable being the occupation of Florina, a village, 100 miles south of Saloniki, by allied troops on May 20. Significantly there were also reported to the staffs of the allies to obtain the use of the Greek railroad for the transportation of the reorganized Serbian army to the Saloniki front. Paris and London have been persistently silent as to any developments in the Balkans.

## WILSON PLANS STARTING MOVE TO BRING PEACE

President Preparing to Do Everything Possible to Bring About Peace Between Belligerents—Will Probably Offer His Services as Mediator—Initial Step Outlined Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—President Wilson is giving more serious consideration to the possibility of restoring peace in Europe than at any time since the outbreak of the war. From an authoritative source it was learned today that the president is preparing to do everything possible in an informal way to bring about the discussion of peace between belligerent nations, although he has not indicated an intention immediately to offer his services formally as mediator. His address tomorrow night before the League to Enforce Peace is expected to be in the nature of a preliminary overture.

**War Is Deadlocked.**  
The president is convinced the war is deadlocked and that continuance merely means the killing of more people and the further impoverishment of European nations, both belligerent and neutral.

Mr. Wilson's closest advisers believe the rulers of warring nations, because of their close relationship, even kinship, will have as important a part in restoring peace as the ministers of their governments. It will occasion no surprise in official circles if in some manner the rulers of the countries at war open the way for peace conversations.

The president takes the position, it was authoritatively stated, that the neutrals of the world, as much as belligerents, have a right to participate in, and if possible, initiate peace negotiations because of the economic results already developed and those which will follow the conflict.

**Is Deeply Interested.**  
The president has been deeply interested in the growth of peace talk among responsible officials. He has read and filed away recent speeches by President Poincare of France, Sir Edward Grey, foreign minister of Great Britain and Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg of Germany. He has conveyed the impression to those who have talked with him that he thinks the continuance of these discussions is bound to have its effect in restoring peace, despite the belligerent attitude taken by some of the officials.

The president has indicated that he is desirous that the United States show its friendship for all of the nations involved by conferring for a peace which will be fair to all of them and protect each from being crushed or humiliated.

## ARMY BILL TOTALS \$152,274,297

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The army appropriation bill to be reported to the house next Tuesday was found today to total \$152,274,297, exclusive of about \$300,000 for civilian training camps, for which an estimate is being prepared.

A new provision in the bill is aimed at possible monopolization of freight traffic with the Philippines by Japanese lines, providing that army transportation may carry merchandise of American production to the non-contiguous territory of the United States and that products of those territories may be brought back.

The \$300,000 provision for the San Diego aviation training grounds is so worded as to permit a shift of site, if real estate prices soar unreasonably, the section reading "for acquisition by purchase or condemnation of a site or sites in the state of California for an aviation school and training grounds."

## NEW WORLD WAR OF MILLIONS RAGING!

### MORGAN INTERESTS FIGHT FOR SHIPPING WITH ROCKEFELLER

By KENNETH W. DAYNE, NEW YORK, May 26.—A new world war has broken out. It is raging in Wall street and it ends twenty years' conservative truce. The two richest men in America are the opposing generals, and the stake is \$800,000,000 in foreign trade. There's a David and Goliath story apparent on the surface—for the little firm of Guston, Williams & Wigmore, capitalized originally at \$1000, (Concluded on page five)



Intrenched in the Morgan office—the smallest modern building in the district—are, left to right, J. A. Wigmore, George Guston and Charles B. Sabia and above them in the Equitable skyscraper are Frank Vandellip, top, and Charles A. Stone, below, handling the affairs of the Rockefeller interests in a battle for \$800,000,000 worth of foreign trade.

## CORPORAL SLAIN IN BATTLE WITH MEXICAN BANDITS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 26.—Corporal Davis Mark-Jones was the American soldier killed in the fight with Candelaria "Cerveantes" bandits and Private George F. Nicholson and George Dillard were wounded, according to General Pershing's report to General Funston today.

The remainder of the band was pursued and dispersed. General Pershing referred to "Cerveantes" as "one of the most important men in the band." General Pershing reported that seven men of the machine gun company and the seventh infantry, ten engineers and an employee of the quartermaster's department were six miles southeast of Cruces when attacked yesterday by twenty Mexicans under "Cerveantes." The Americans had been looking for cattle and correcting road maps when the Mexicans appeared.

The ten Americans fought off the Mexicans for forty-five minutes. After their leader fell the Mexicans fell back and were followed into the hills by a detachment of cavalry that arrived from Cruces.

"Cerveantes" was identified by papers found in his pocket. General Pershing said "Cerveantes" was implicated in the Columbus raid.

## OREGON GRAIN RATES ORDERED SUSPENDED

SALEM, Ore., May 26.—The Oregon public service commission today suspended maximum rates on the tariff fixed by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company increasing the maximum carload weights of grain and grain products from 30,000 to 30,000 pounds. The commission will immediately make an investigation to determine whether the advances are just. Merchants objected to having to increase their car load purchases.

## EIGHTEEN KILLED IN ADRIATIC AIR RAID

GENOVA, May 26.—Eighteen persons were killed and a score of others injured in an air raid on Bari, on the Italian Adriatic coast, according to Reuters dispatches from Rome today. The victims were mostly women and children. The dispatches were

## GERMANS EXTENDING CONQUESTS

Berlin Claims Extension of German Positions West of Haudramont Quarry.—Declares Crown Prince's Troops Have Driven Their Way Across Douaumont Ravine and Have Forced French Further Back South of Fort Douaumont—French Report Small Gains Along Meuse.

BERLIN, May 26, via London.—German troops have continued successfully their attacks on the east bank of the Meuse, extending their positions to the west of Haudramont quarry, and crossing the Douaumont ravine, the war office announced today. South of Fort Douaumont the French were driven back further. The Germans captured an additional 600 prisoners and twelve machine guns. The text of the statement says:

**German Statement.**  
"Western front: On the east bank of the Meuse we successfully continued our attacks. Our positions west of the stone quarry were extended, the Douaumont ravine was crossed and the enemy south of Fort Douaumont was driven further back. Another 600 prisoners with twelve machine guns were captured.

"On the left bank of the Meuse a hand grenade attack by Turoos west of Hill 304 was repulsed. "In the vicinity of Loevre, northwest of Rheims, a French gas attack was ineffective.

"The enemy aeroplanes brought down south of Clateau Salins reported on May 21 was the fifth part out of action in recent engagements by Lieutenant Wingens."

**French Statement.**  
PARIS, May 26.—There has been little change in the situation on the Verdun front, says the French official announcement.

The artillery bombardment was very violent about Avocourt wood and Le Mort Homme. At the latter place a German attack was stopped by the French curtain of fire at its inception.

On the right bank of the Meuse the French succeeded in recovering part of the trenches occupied yesterday by the Germans between Haudramont wood and Thiescourt farm. Otherwise the battle front was calm.

The text of the statement says: "In the Argonne French troops exploded a mine with success at La Fille morte.

"On the left bank of the Meuse there has been violent artillery fighting in the sectors of Avocourt and Dead Man Hill. At this latter place a German attack which was about to be made was strenuously by our curtain of fire.

"On the right bank of the river a counter-attack brought into our possession a section of trench occupied yesterday by the enemy between the road of Haudramont and the farm of Thiescourt.

"North of this farm we last night made progress with hand grenades and took some prisoners."

## PROBABLE SINKING OF SUBMARINE IN BALTIC

BERLIN, May 26.—The probable sinking in the Baltic of a submarine which was rammed by the Swedish steamer Angersland on May 23 is reported today by the Overseas News Agency, which adds, however, that competent German authorities state that the submarine could not have been German.

ROSEBUD, Ore., May 26.—The grand lodge of Oregon, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, adjourned at noon here today, after installing the officers elected on Thursday. The Rosebud assembly installed its officers late yesterday. Both organizations will meet at Eugene next year.

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