

Germans Reduce Louvain to Ruins

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The Press bureau says that Louvain has been reduced to ruins, not one of the historic and beautiful buildings being spared. The Germans set the town afire at a hundred different points, using explosives and bombs. The inhabitants are held prisoners at the concentration camp.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—A Central News dispatch from Rome states that a British destroyer sank an Austrian destroyer near Corfu. The report is not confirmed.

A St. Petersburg dispatch states that the Austrians are fortifying Vienna. The official reason given is to "provide work for the unemployed."

BRUSSELS, (via Antwerp), Aug. 28.—The Germans have mounted rapid fire guns at the northern entrance to the city. Automatic guns mounted on autotrucks are patrolling the roads leading to the suburbs, and every precaution is taken against a possible outbreak. The city is calm. Burghomaster Max has refused to leave the city hall since the occupation of the city by the Germans. His firmness has earned him the respect of the Germans, and their commander is showing him every courtesy.

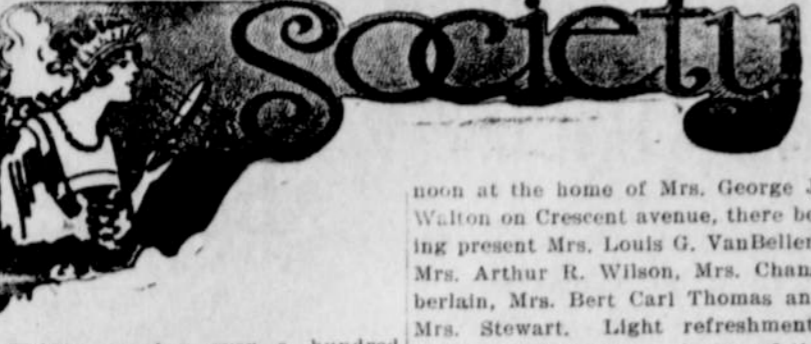
LONDON, Aug. 28.—Premier Asquith said today in the house of commons: "On Wednesday the British sustained the assault of five complete German corps. Our forces held the ground until they were met with the brunt of the attack, they then retired to a slightly new position."

"The British inflicted enormous losses on the enemy, but I regret to state that our losses were correspondingly heavy."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—German Ambassador Bernstorff denied that the Germans had violated the rules of civilized warfare by bombing Antwerp. He asserted that the French aeroplanes had dropped bombs on Coblenz on the first day of the war, and said that with Antwerp fortified it made no difference whether the bombardment was from an airship or a warship.

JAPANESE FUNDS HELD BY GERMANY

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—The German government has impounded all of the funds of the Japanese government which were held by German banks here.



Friday evening over a hundred members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah orders gathered in their home in the J. O. O. F. Temple to meet Grand Master Wm. Galloway of the jurisdiction of Oregon. After a short business session by Klamath Lodge No. 137, the meeting was opened to the Rebekahs and friends of the order who listened to the Grand Master in a most interesting talk concerning the order. John A. Jefferies also addressed the gathering, and told of many incidents connected with the early days of this section of the state. After the speechmaking, those present assembled in the banquet room, where a banquet committee of the order had prepared a repast, after which the guests and members enjoyed dancing in the West hall, while others amused themselves with social converse.

In honor of her mother, Mrs. M. J. Kelly, of Albany, who is spending the summer in Klamath Falls, Mrs. C. C. Hogue was hostess to the following Wednesday afternoon: Mrs. J. Fred Goeller, Mrs. Harry Newnam, Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg, Mrs. J. S. Stubblefield, Mrs. Geo. A. Wirtz, Mrs. R. H. Dunbar, Mrs. George Hurr, Mrs. J. B. Mason, Mrs. W. E. Faught, Mrs. G. W. White, Mrs. F. M. White, Mrs. Maxwell M. Long, Mrs. Gene West, Mrs. M. L. Sargent, Mrs. Chas. E. Worden, Mrs. A. M. Worden, Mrs. J. G. Camp, Mrs. B. T. Summers, Mrs. Arthur R. Wilson, Mrs. J. S. Voorhees, Miss Jennie Harris, Miss Ruth Saucerman, Mrs. Mason Pease of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Worden of Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. G. H. Rogers of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. George Schmeltzer of Wilmington, Dela. The afternoon was pleasantly whiled away at the beautiful Hogue residence on High street, the guests busily plying the needle, while engaged in social chat. During the afternoon a dainty collation was served by the hostess, assisted by her daughters, Miss Fayo and Miss Hortense.

Rev. Ernest C. Richards and wife returned Friday from Klamath agency, where they spent a delightful fortnight, "rusticating."

A study session of the Ewauna Literary Club was held Wednesday after-

noon at the home of Mrs. George J. Walton on Crescent avenue, there being present Mrs. Louis G. VanBellen, Mrs. Arthur R. Wilson, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Bert Carl Thomas and Mrs. Stewart. Light refreshments were served at the conclusion of the Bayview work.

The Leisure Hour Club, which meets alternate Wednesdays, will resume its meetings on September 9th, after a short vacation period. The club will be entertained by Mrs. Thos. Hampton on that day.

The first meeting of the Auction Bridge Club for the year was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Louis Gerber, on High street, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent in playing the card game after which the club was named. Mrs. E. R. Reames, Mrs. F. B. English, Mrs. J. C. Brockenbrough, Mrs. Will Hurn and Mrs. Albert M. Worden were invited guests, and during the afternoon a luncheon was served. The club will hereafter meet on Saturday afternoons. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. L. F. Willets on Klamath avenue, on the afternoon of September 12th. Members of the Auction Bridge Club are Mrs. L. P. Willets, Mrs. Louis Gerber, Mrs. E. B. Hall, Mrs. Oscar Shive, Mrs. Geo. J. Wright, Mrs. E. W. Gowen Sr., Mrs. Silas Obenchain, Mrs. John McLean, Mrs. George H. Merryman, Mrs. Wilson S. Wiley, Mrs. Charles I. Roberts and Mrs. Fred R. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. White and daughter, Miss Hattie, are preparing to leave for Oakland, where they will spend the winter months.

One of the big social events of the week was the "measuring social" at the Christian church Friday evening, given under the auspices of the Christian Women's Board of Missions. An orchestra of nine pieces, under the direction of Professor G. A. Wirtz, rendered two selections, to the delight of all. Mesdames Beckley and Daniels rendered a duet entitled "Sometime, Somewhere." Different countries were represented when called for by Mrs. R. H. Dunbar, secretary of the organization, by the following persons: Argentina, by Mrs. J. H. Sheets; China, by Miss Laura Bice; Western Canada, by Miss Rachel Applegate; Africa, by Miss Luellie Beckley; Home Society, by Mrs. S. D. Harlan, president. The following young ladies presented a "Grecian drill": Misses Maud and Ruth Miller, Marguerite Dunbar, Flora Ward, Josephine Murray, Dorothy Sanderson, Karl Montgomery, Gladys and Erma Bamber, Evelyn Graves, Lora Wilson and Mesdames R. Kanatzer and Hall.

After the program the measurement of the stature of all present was taken and each paid for refreshments according to feet and inches of height.

Next Wednesday's meeting of the Art Needlework Club at the home of Mrs. Robert E. Wattenburg is being looked forward to with interest by the members of that popular organization, as that is the "book exchange" meeting. Each of the sixteen members of the organization will purchase one of the late popular books before that time, and the books will be interchanged by the members, each having the privilege of keeping each book for two weeks before returning it to the club. After all of the members have read all of the books they are then returned to their original owners for their respective libraries.

Mrs. George H. Feese is here from Lakeview, the guest of Klamath Falls friends. Mrs. Feese is the wife of Rev. Feese, who until going to Lakeview about a year ago, occupied the pulpit of Grace M. E. church for several years.

Kuyk Returns.

Attorney D. V. Kuykendall is home from Eugene, where he visited relatives, and from Douglas county, where he indulged in hunting. He tells some hair-raising tales of his prowess with the rifle.

Miss Josie Low, daughter of Sheriff C. C. Low, this morning underwent an operation for tonsillitis at the Blackburn hospital. She is improving so rapidly that she was moved to her home early this afternoon.

Inspecting Line.

J. W. Metcalf, division superintendent and C. A. Wesler, division engineer, went through to Kirk Friday morning in the superintendent's private car. They are making their regular tour of inspection of the line, and will return to Dunsuir in the morning.

King Carol Is Seriously Ill

ROME, Aug. 28.—A wire from Bucharest, the capital of Roumania, states that King Carol I. is seriously ill, and that his abdication of the throne is expected.

TEN-HOUR LAW HELD TO NOT COVER LAUNDRIES

SALEM, Aug. 28.—Attorney General Crawford has informed Labor Commissioner Hoff that laundries do not come within the purview of the ten-hour law. This law, says the attorney general in his opinion to the commissioner, covers only factories, mills and manufacturing institutions, and a laundry cannot be held to belong to either class.

In an opinion rendered at the request of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, the attorney general holds that a temporary permit does not allow a teacher to teach in a high school of the state.

NOTED COWBOYS TO BE AT PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Aug. 28.—Buffalo Vernon, the champion roper, both fancy and steer roping, and bull-dogger, who was such a prime favorite at the three first round-Ups, will be on the program again this year, when the fifth annual Round-Up is staged, September 24, 25 and 26.

Buffalo was not in the contests last year for the simple reason he was defending his title as world's champion roper and bull-dogger in Australia. He returned about the 1st of June this year, and settled down in Pendleton to await the coming of the Round-Up. Other noted cowboys who will be here are: Bee Ho Gray, Sammy Garret, both noted ropers, Garret having the distinction of being the only cowboy to perform on the White House lawn at Washington to a select audience, consisting of the president of the United States and his family; Otto Kline, trick rider; Sid Seale, Art Accord and many others.

MRS. P. H. SINNOTT OUT OF DANGER

Mrs. Phillip J. Sinnott, wife of the city editor of the Herald, underwent an operation for appendicitis Friday morning at the Blackburn hospital. She had not been feeling well for several days, and an examination last night showed an acute case of appendicitis. The operation was performed this morning by Drs. Johnson, Cathay and Merryman.

The surgeons report a very successful operation, and late this afternoon the patient was doing nicely, and no serious complications are anticipated.

FORTY PER CENT OF CITY'S TOILETS FOUND DEFECTIVE

An immense waste of water which has caused a heavy drain on the plant of the California-Oregon Power company has been caused by defective toilets, is the discovery made by the officials of the local water company.

For the past week or so H. E. Blachly has been making a personal inspection for the company of all water connections in buildings and residences. He finds that about 40 per cent of the toilets in the business section of the city are defective, either in not being equipped with floaters or in some other way that permits a large leakage of water.

The company has been forced to keep their pumps going day and night for some time to keep the city protected. The company claims that the necessity for this has been caused by the vast amount of water that has been absolutely wasted daily, without benefitting anyone.

CHINESE THINK THAT NOW IS OPPORTUNE TIME TO REVOLT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—The Chinese revolutionists will take advantage of the war in Europe to attempt President Yuan Shi Kai's overthrow, according to Pacific Coast agents of the revolutionary party.

The time is deemed opportune, they explained, in that the powers will be too much absorbed with the struggle among themselves to undertake grabs of Chinese territory under cover of the confusion Yuan's downfall will necessarily involve for a time.

They predicted a general uprising in a short time.

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NEW LAWS SAVE TAXPAYERS AN IMMENSE AMOUNT

UNIFORM ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND BUDGET BILL A SUCCESS

Reliable Information of Financial Condition of the Counties as a Result of System of Bookkeeping Established by State Insurance Commissioner. Publicity Causes Cut in Expense.

E. M. Duffy of Salem, a representative of the accounting system of the state insurance department, is in the city advising the county officials with reference to the new uniform system of accounting and bookkeeping provided for the counties of the state under a new passed by the last legislature.

Although the limited appropriation made it impossible to send representatives to each county to instruct the officials, the new uniform accounting system planned by Commissioner J. W. Ferguson is now well established in the counties of the state, and is proving successful.

For the first time in the history of the State it is possible to secure reliable data for comparison of the financial condition of the counties. This information, which is contained in a report made public each quarter, is having a decided influence on the curbing of the expenditures in the counties of the state. The last report shows that only eight counties out of the entire thirty-four in the state, have deficits.

Mr. Duffy states that the budget bill, a companion bill to the uniform accounting system, both of which were introduced in the legislature by W. O. Smith, has resulted in a saving to the taxpayers of the state through reduced levies of millions of dollars.

A million dollars was cut from the published budget in Multnomah county alone. The reduction made in the budget in Klamath county last fall was \$89,000, and a corresponding reduction was made in all of the other counties of the state.

MONDAY IS LAST DAY FOR TAXES

Today is the last day on which to pay taxes without incurring the penalty of 10 per cent and interest at 12 per cent.

On Tuesday, September 1, the tax roll will be turned over to the sheriff, although it will be several days before they will be removed from the county treasurer's office.

Out of the total tax roll of \$436,600, it is estimated that the delinquent assessments will amount to between \$75,000 and \$100,000 when the books are turned over to the sheriff. The largest single assessment which has not been paid is that against the Southern Pacific company, which is held up awaiting a decision on certain county warrants, which were offered as part payment and refused by the treasurer.

Where the first installment of taxes has been paid, no penalty attaches if the second installment is paid by Monday, but in case the first installment has not been paid, a penalty of 1 per cent per month, or 5 per cent, is collected on taxes paid before September 1. After September 1, a 10 per cent penalty is collected by the sheriff, with an additional 12 per cent interest.

SALEM, Aug. 28.—That the Benson-McNary contest for the republican nomination of justice of the supreme court will be settled by including the fifteen votes illegally thrown out by the election board of Sixes precinct, Curry county, is the belief here. The matter was called to the attention of Governor West in a telegram from District Attorney W. H. Meredith of Wedderburn, who sent the following, which has just been made public:

"Messengers who brought poll books from Sixes precinct informed Clerk Stannard that fifteen votes in that precinct had been placed among the spoiled ballots because voted for more than one candidate for governor."

Benson carried Curry by a few votes, but it is said that McNary led in Sixes precinct. Sixes precinct was not included in the stipulation entered into by McNary and Benson, but it is thought probable that some arrangement will be made now.

While the canvass in Grant county gives Benson a lead of one, there are still several precincts in Multnomah, Washington, Hood River and Tillamook counties that were included in the last stipulation for recounting.

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McREYNOLDS IS TO BE JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29.—The Senate today by an overwhelming vote, confirmed President Wilson's nomination of Attorney General James McReynolds as a justice of the supreme court.

Immediately afterward the nomination of Thomas W. Gregory as attorney general was confirmed. Gregory, who is a Texan, has established a reputation as a "trust buster," and handled the New Haven case for the government.

INTERIOR CHINA SCENE OF AWFUL BLOODSHED

SHANGHAI, Aug. 29.—Conditions of disorder in interior China such as did not characterize even in the revolutionary period preceding the Manchurian overthrow two and a half years ago were reported today by foreigners who arrived here from Hankow and other up-country points.

Throughout Honan, Hupeh, Shansi, Szechuan and Anhwei provinces, they said brigandage is rampant on such a scale that cities of even 200,000 and 300,000 population are unsafe from attack. Scores of smaller towns have been sacked. Frightful massacres have been perpetrated, and loot worth millions have been carried off.

Bodies of troops aggregating 20,000 or 25,000 in number are in the field against the outlaws, and there have been dozens of skirmishes and a few tolerably respectable battles, in which the bandits have held their own as often as they have been beaten. No quarter is shown on either side, the victors invariably beheading the prisoners, and in some cases torturing before killing them.

Opponents of the President Yuan Chikai government are said unquestionably to be encouraging the bandits' activity, to be supplying quantities of arms and ammunition, and to be doing their utmost to weld the numerous bands into a single force for another revolution.

In Southern China revolutionary agents are busy in the vicinity of Canton and piracy on the West River has reached such proportions that even foreign shipping is endangered.

SAY CANAL WILL MEAN HAWAIIAN LAND BOOM

HONOLULU, Aug. 29.—Hawaiian Islanders are looking forward to a tremendous boom in the territory following the opening of the Panama canal. From the standpoint of the great land owners and their better paid dependants, the prediction seems to be based on sound reasoning. In working circles, however, some dissenting voices are raised.

The Hawaiian natives, it is agreed on all hands, except, perhaps, in native circles, have never made satisfactory laborers. The Japanese have done tolerably well, and the Chinese still better, though they have annoyed the land owners by insisting generally on doing plantation work on shares rather than for definitely fixed wages.

The Chinese exclusion law and the agreement between the United States and Japan have cut off labor supplies from these two sources, however, with the result, during the past few years, that wages have been increasing, and there has not been enough of it at any price.

The shortage has been partly supplied by importations, under rather thin evasions of the anti-contract labor law, from Southern Europe, and especially from Portugal. The expense of bringing them has been heavy, however, and on their arrival they have generally insisted on current wages. The number brought in has been comparatively so small that it has been usually carried their point, or approximated it.

The common view is that the opening of the canal will cheapen the trip from Europe to the islands so much that there will be a flood of immigration, with corresponding advantages to the employers.

On the Pacific Coast the Unions have been taking steps to meet such an expected situation, but here, owing to the class of workers and the completeness of the landlord's domination, unionism has never secured much of a foothold.

Hawaiian agents already in Europe, not contracting for workers, but pointing out to them advantageous conditions they will find in the territory, and the small cost of the voyage as soon as the canal is open.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Savidge have returned from a honeymoon of several weeks, spent in camping near Prospect. They will reside in Klamath Falls.

"Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. It has been used with success in our family for eight years."

—Mrs. L. Whiteacre, Buffalo, N. Y.

British Defeated; French Are Routed

BERLIN, (via Amsterdam), Aug. 28.—The German war office announces that the British were defeated at Maugebe, and that the French were routed in South Namur. The losses were heavy, although no details are given.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—There is fighting everywhere. The second lines of the allied forces are reported to be holding the Germans in check, although the latter greatly outnumber them.

It is admitted that the allies are yielding points where the Germans are most numerous. The war office denies that the French positions have been turned. It insists that in "proper time" the allies will take the offensive.

The British now hold the center line of attack. It is believed that this position is in front of the famous gap of Treves, through which the German main army is moving.

There is great jubilation here over the announcement of a series of important victories. It is declared that the German infantry bayoneted the allied lines at many places.

It is declared that the superiority of the German infantry was plainly evident at Meubenge, Longwy and Namur. The government admits that the losses to the German troops were heavy. It is now considered certain that the Germans will reach Paris without being seriously checked.

PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—To tell Eastern folks what Oregon is doing in the way of game protection and propagation, William L. Finley, head of the state biological survey and game propagation work, will leave late next month on a trip of seven weeks that will take him through more than half of the states of the Union.

Finley, who is even better known as a scientist of natural history in the East than he is here, will lecture before the National Geographical Society at Washington, D. C., and the Camp Fire Club in New York, in addition to delivering numerous talks before educational bodies.

The moving pictures of Oregon wild life and of the conservation and propagation work, many reels of which have been taken by Mr. Finley in the past four years, will be shown everywhere on this trip. Since the pictures were viewed by Secretary of Commerce Redfield in Portland early this year, their fame and the work that is being done in the state has gone forth.

Hugh Smith, government commissioner of fisheries under Secretary Redfield, on a Southwestern trip recently, came all the way to Portland to see the pictures.

SALEM, Aug. 28.—Whether the federal game law, which provides for an open season for duck hunting in the state from October 1 to January 15 of each year, supersedes the state law on the subject, is a question with which State Game Warden Evans finds himself confronted, and he has signified his intention of requesting an opinion with relation to the matter from the attorney general.

The state law provides that the season shall be open for duck and geese hunting in District No. 1, comprising the counties of Multnomah, Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook, from September 15 to December 31, and that it shall be open in District No. 2, comprising the eastern section of the state, from September 15 to February 15 of each year. Should the federal law supersede the state law, it will mean that the season will not open in either district until fifteen days after the date provided for by the state law, and that the season will close in District No. 2 thirty days earlier than is provided for by the state law.

Miss Carpenter Safe.

Those who have been interested in the welfare of Miss Abbie Carpenter, who has been touring in Scotland, England and France this summer, and has been in the "war zone," will be glad to know that she has wired the superintendent of schools in Seattle, that she will be there for duty September 1, as instructor of home economics. Miss Carpenter was elected to this position several weeks ago, but no definite acceptance had been sent until recently.

Home From California.

Mrs. A. J. Lyle and daughter have returned from California, where they spent several weeks, following a visit to Mrs. Lyle's old home in Minnesota.

Miss Lily Stiltz, of the Stiltz Dry Goods company, has returned from San Francisco, where she has been for some time selecting new goods for the winter trade.

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