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PRESIDENT ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF SINKING OF FRYE

Tells Graphic Story of Experience at Sea

Question of Rights of Neutral Shipping May Be Settled With Present Case

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If this inquiry shows that the facts set forth in the preliminary statement of Captain Koehne of the Frye are correct, the United States will insist on reparation. It is generally agreed, too, that reparation will be forthcoming.

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CARRANZA ANSWERS NOTE

Washington, March 11.—The answer made to Secretary of State Bryan's note by General Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the constitutionalist forces, in regard to conditions at Mexico City, was published here today. It was addressed to John R. Silliman and contained the reassurances indicated in the advices received from Mexico yesterday.

General Carranza said that although the wording of the American note afforded him an excuse for not answering it, he said he did not wish that silence on his part should be construed as giving ground for the allegation that he was responsible for conditions in Mexico City.

General Carranza's answer contained about 9000 words.

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Came From Pittsburg. Portland, Or., March 11.—C. F. Baxmyer made his home at 744 Clackamas street and resided in Portland about two years, coming here from Pittsburg. He was secretary of the Storey Manufacturing company, making of orchard supplies, for nearly a year but severed his connections with that concern several months ago, according to M. W. Storey, president of the company. Baxmyer was 54 years old and at one time was connected with the Bonne Air Realty company of Pittsburg.

COUNTRY PUPILS MORE ACCURATE THAN CITY

Make Splendid Showing In Arithmetic Test Given by State Officer

That the children in the country schools of Jackson county, are keeping pace in their studies with their city cousins, is indicated by an interesting experiment recently made by County Superintendent J. Perry Wells, and reported to Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill. Superintendent Wells prepared test problems in arithmetic for each of the grades from the fourth to the eighth inclusive.

Although the city children, excepting in the fourth and fifth grades, were somewhat more rapid in their work, the country children, with the single exception of the eighth grade, were more accurate and solved more problems correctly.

HARRY THAW TAKES WITNESS STAND TODAY

Great Crowd Gathers In Court Room To Hear His Testimony

New York, March 11.—Reports that Harry K. Thaw might take the stand in his own defense neck from the doors of the court room were much better today but he appeared in court again wearing a heavy sweater.

Deputy Attorney General Kennedy said today that Thaw would return to Matteawan no matter what the result of the present conspiracy trial.

"An acquittal of this charge," he said, "would not establish Thaw's sanity. In case he is acquitted, the state will ask his immediate commitment to the asylum for the criminal insane."

Justice Page ruled that Thaw cannot show during the present trial that he is sane. The question of sanity is not relevant to the charge of conspiracy, he declared, sustaining the state's objections to attempts by the defense to put witnesses on record as stating whether, in their opinion, Thaw is insane.

Inasmuch as the fact of the escape is practically admitted by the defense, it is believed the ruling removes the defense's last prop. Under the decision the only sane testimony permissible is that designed to show that Thaw knew "the nature and quality" of the alleged acts of conspiracy.

The defense fought hard against this ruling, asserting its right to prove Thaw's sanity and thereby prove his right to flee from the asylum for the criminal insane.

As soon as the prosecution rested, Justice Page overruled motions to dismiss the indictments against all six defendants excepting Michael O'Keefe, who, it was asserted, has never been identified with the alleged conspiracy in any way.

FIRST DEPUTY SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Medford Man Secures Position Under Law Passed by Last Legislature

Charles L. Hanson, of Medford, is the first deputy sealer of weights and measures to have been appointed by State Treasurer Kay, as state sealer of weights and measures, to serve as district deputy under the new law which was enacted by the last legislature which abolished the present system of county deputies and establishes the district system for the state. Under this law the state will be divided into four districts, two in Eastern and two in Western Oregon and a deputy sealer will be provided for each district to put in his full time and his services will be paid for jointly by the several counties in the district upon the basis of population.

Mr. Hanson will serve in the Southern Oregon district, to be composed of Lane, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake counties and the other districts will be composed as follows: Western Oregon district, Washington, Clackamas, Polk, Benton and Linn; Northern Oregon, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Jefferson, Crook, Wheeler and Gilliam; and Eastern Oregon district, Morrow, Union, Grant, Harney, Yamhill, Wallowa, Baker, and Malheur.

SEPTIC TANK MAY BE NECESSARY FOR SCHOOL

School Board May Have To Drive Well For South Salem Structure

Two of the most serious problems with which the Salem school board is confronted in the location and construction of the new grade school building in South Salem will be the questions of water supply for the school and the disposal of the sewage from the building. In the first instance it is certain that a well will have to be drilled and the building will be equipped with its own pumping apparatus, while in the second, it is found that the sewer pipe in that section of the city, the nearest possible connection being two and one-half blocks away, is not of sufficient capacity to accommodate the school a large septic tank will have to be constructed.

The water supply proposition came up before the board at the special meeting last night, and at least three solutions to the difficulty presented themselves, one of which was to secure water from the city and provide the school with a large reservoir or tank to insure a continuous supply and afford some protection against fire, and the other was to drive a well and transfer the small air-pressure plant, originally installed and operated at the kindergarten school before the city water service was extended to that district to the new school to be put into service. If a well is to be driven it is claimed that an excellent quality of water can be obtained on the grounds at a depth of from 25 to 50 feet, private residences having secured an ample supply of pure water at depths ranging from 25 to 38 feet.

The plans for the new school building, as prepared by Architect George M. Post, were gone over thoroughly by the board at last night's meeting, and with a few slight modifications as to details of construction, they were approved. When completed the new school will be a model for beauty and simplicity of design, and some novel and highly attractive features are being worked out for the landscape decorations.

The building committee of the school board, composed of E. T. Barnes and Max Boren, made a report to the board at their meeting last night that the chimney just completed at the high school by Contractor S. A. Hughes, was not built according to specifications. The interior measurements of the chimney were to be 24 inches each way, and by actual measurement the chimney measures only 22 inches. In explanation, Contractor Hughes claimed that he built according to the outside specifications, and that the brick work of such size that would not permit of the 24-inch inside plans.

THE WAR LINE-UP.

America.—President announced "most searching inquiry" ordered into Eitel Friedrich action in sinking American ship Frye. Indicated prepared insist on American rights. Canceled all engagements three weeks to handle international situation personally. Germany expected offer reparation for Frye incident. Eitel's prisoners of war will be released. Turkey.—Four British warships shelling Fort Namezich. Krupp guns mounted on fort replying spiritedly. Lull in Smyrna operations. France.—General Joffre's continued offensive in Champagne region forced Germans to relieve pressure on retreating Russians in Poland. Officially denied German claims French lost 45,000 in Champagne region, though admitted heavy losses. Poland.—Petrograd dispatches indicate German offensive from north and northeast against Warsaw. Germans massing heavily along 40-mile front from Mlava to Orzec river. Believed 200,000 concentrated along line. Berlin asserts asserts Russian detachment attempting to break through German line below Augustow were annihilated.

FORMAL CEREMONIES MARK RAISE IN RANK

Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard Now Has Four Starred Flag of Full Admiral.

San Diego, Cal., March 11.—With impressive ceremonies, Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, commander of the Pacific fleet of the United States navy, today, hauled down the two-starred flag of his rank and in its place ran up the four-starred pennant of the full admiral, to which he was raised today by the orders issued in Washington in compliance with a provision in the naval bill.

At 11:30 the crew of the armored cruiser Colorado, flagship of the fleet, was called aft in dress uniform. Howard, surrounded by his staff, read the orders from Washington and formal transfer of the flags was made. The drums and bugles sounded and the guns of the Colorado fired the admiral's salute of 17 guns. It was immediately returned by a battery on the cruiser New Orleans and the Colorado responded with seven guns. The band then played the admiral's march.

Vogel Murderer Sees Dark Despair Ahead

San Francisco, March 11.—"They have given me life up in San Quentin and I know what I'm going in for. It's going to be hard work with a speedy death. I am going to die in prison. Life is hard to face now, so it'll probably be a quick death behind prison walls for me."

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FRENCH ACTIVITY MAY SAVE WARSAW FROM GERMAN ARMY

Vigorous Campaign in Champagne District Relieves Pressure in Poland

HEAVY CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED BY BOTH SIDES

Russians and Germans Manoeuver for Positions on Battle Ground Chosen

Paris, March 11.—After two weeks of violent attacks in the Champagne district, the French have lifted the pressure from the retreating Russians in Poland and have saved Warsaw. This official explanation in the form of an eye witness statement was given here today for the recent onslaughts on German positions. Berlin claims that the French losses in the Champagne fighting reached 45,000 were denied. It was admitted the losses were heavy but they were said to be small compared with the German casualties and when the fighting had had on the Poland campaign was considered.

"The Germans," the statement continued, "have been compelled to ask for heavy reinforcements and they have expended large quantities of ammunition. Reinforcements were unavailable, however, as they were needed for General Von Hindenburg in the east. The Russians have been able to reform and check the Germans and are now pressing them back from the frontier."

The French have made important gains in the Champagne district and are holding a German fort captured despite counter attacks. The enemy is massing in heavy force between Mlava and the Orzec river along a front of 40 miles. Five German army corps, numbering 200,000 men, have been concentrated at Prasnyez alone and a Russian army of the same size is maneuvering to meet it.

A smaller German force is showing great activity 50 miles northeast, attempting to strike the northern fortress of Novo Georjevsk, through Vysogrod. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is believed to have assigned this movement hoping to develop a serious threat against the Russian flank.

GERMANS STILL DEFEAT RUSSIANS

Berlin, by wireless to Saville, March 11.—Russians attempting to break through the battle line south of Augustow have been annihilated. It was officially announced here today. The numerical strength of the Russians was not given.

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The Weather. Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Friday; easterly winds.

BOMBS KILL CIVILIANS. Berlin, March 11 (via Saville).—British aviators recently dropped three bombs on Menin, north of Lille, killing seven Belgian civilians and wounding 10 others, according to a statement issued from the war office here today.