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CIRCULATION IS
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THIRTY-NINTH YEAR

GERMANS MAKING SMALL GAINS IN HAUCOURT REGION

Furious Attacks Made In Attempt To Gain Hold on Esnes Road

GREAT ARTILLERY DUEL RAGES ON WOEVRE PLAIN

Crown Prince Preparing For Terrific Smash at Bethincourt Salient

Paris, April 7.—Terrific German attacks were hurled against the Bethincourt salient during the night after an artillery bombardment of almost unprecedented fury, the war office declared today.

Attempting to smash the salient's southeastern side, Germans fought their way into French trenches along the Bethincourt-Chattinourt highway. They were immediately ejected by counter attacks from all defenses with the exception of a section 200 yards wide.

Unable to register further progress in the Haucourt region, because of a curtain of French fire from batteries concealed on dominating heights, the crown prince shifted his assault to Bethincourt.

A strong German column was ordered to reach the Esnes road and cut off French retreat from the imperiled salient. Despite their fury, the Germans only succeeded in slashing their way through barbed wire entanglements into a front line of trenches a mile east of the highway.

West of the Meuse an intermittent bombardment was reported. French troops made further gains in the under ground fighting, seizing sections of covered communication trenches southwest of Fort Donnunont. Violent artillery clashes were reported raging on the Woevre plain.

French Position in Danger

London, April 6.—French positions at Bethincourt, imperiled by the surrender of Haucourt, were heavily bombarded all night and during Thursday, according to advices from the front today.

The Germans are apparently preparing to make a terrific smash at the Bethincourt salient as the next move against Verdun from the northwestern side. Only a brilliant defense saved Bethincourt on Wednesday. Though it is increasingly probable that the French may be forced to withdraw toward Esnes, 7 1/2 miles northwest of the salient, no alarm is felt with regard to Verdun itself.

Severe fighting is reported from the British front at St. Eloi, where large numbers of Germans are hurling attack after attack. Canadian troops are in the thick of the battle.

Russians Near Prehensile

Petrograd, April 7.—Russian troops are approaching Prehensile from the east and south, official announcements today said. In an engagement to the southwest all Turks were ejected from their fortified positions.

Russian submarines, it was declared, destroyed a Turkish steamer and 11 sailing vessels carrying coal in the Black sea. A Slav battleship, said the war office, bombarded the Turkish cruiser Midulla, formerly the German warship Breslau, putting it to flight.

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ABE MARTIN



U. of O. Students Oppose Candidacy of Dr. Straub

Eugene, Ore., April 7.—The political aspirations of Dr. John Straub, dean of men at the University of Oregon, were crushed today by the organized opposition of his own students. Dr. Straub had aspired to the governorship of the state.

Students in the school of journalism now are editing the Eugene Daily Guard while the regular staff takes a vacation. In an editorial yesterday, the Guard opposed his candidacy.

"The University of Oregon needs John Straub," said the editorial. "The state of Oregon needs as governor a more practical politician."

The article paid high tribute to Dr. Straub while rapping his political chances.

TAKES OFF CLOTHES TO LET SOUL EXPAND

"The Body Beautiful Unhindered by Clothes" Is Soul Need Says Girl

Berkeley, Cal., April 7.—Girl students of the University of California flocked today to the residence of Miss Violet Wilson, daughter of J. Stitt Wilson, former Berkeley mayor, to talk with her about the soul she declares she has just found.

Last month Miss Wilson left the university and went to Los Angeles, saying she was tired of having her soul cramped by school conventions. Upon her return she said she had just discovered that soul and was giving it a chance to grow by wearing a dancing costume which let it expand.

"The body beautiful," said Miss Wilson, "only half hidden by the costume, breathes vigor and strength and beauty from nature. It is unhindered by man made conventions. It grows. As students we could not find expression for our souls. They were confined by a cramped, crowded world old existence."

WINTER WHEAT CROP 36 PER CENT SHORT

Estimated at 495,000,000 Bushels As Against 897,000,000 Last Year

Washington, April 7.—A reduction of 21 per cent in the price of winter wheat as compared with what it sold for one year ago was indicated by the department of agriculture's report today.

The average condition of winter wheat Saturday was 78.5 compared to 88.8 a year ago. The average price per bushel is 98.6. A year ago it was 127.1.

In California the average wheat condition Saturday was 92, in Nevada 91, in Montana 85, in Idaho 84, in Oregon 95, and in Washington 85.

The department of agriculture said a small production was forecasted—195,000,000 bushels, due partly to an 11 per cent reduction in acreage and a low condition of growth caused by a wet, cold autumn giving the grain a poor start. Floods, melt of snow covering and frost contributed to the decreased crop. Far western sections showed the best results.

Paris Exchange Falls Market Breaks At Close

New York, April 7.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said:

In marked contrast with yesterday, which presented little if any news of more than passing interest, the street was flooded today with important market-wise developments. A brief enumeration of them included the season's first government crop report disclosing the extremely low condition of winter wheat; exchange on Paris fell to the lowest of the year, approximating September's depression; Mexican advices left very much to be desired in General Funston's reported request for additional troops and intimations that a de facto government representative believed the expedition should withdraw.

Overshadowing these, however, was Washington's announcement that a severance of diplomatic relations with Germany over the Sussex case would not be unlikely.

First prices were generally higher with interest centering in specialties like International Mercantile Marine, Goodrich Tire, American Zinc, Butte and Superior and Industrial Alcohol, but the improvement was not sustained. Before the end of the first hour reactionary tendencies developed in the entire list, many specialties losing a point or more.

The early afternoon was characterized by somewhat hysterical selling, probably the result of an aggressive bear drive. Bethlehem Steel broke 22, Baldwin Locomotive 2 3/4, Crucible Steel 1 1/2, Mercantile Marine 1 3/8, Merriam Petroleum 3, Studebaker 2 and Industrial Alcohol 2.

POSITIVE PROOF SUBMARINE SUNK STEAMER SUSSEX

Officials Cannot See In Light of Events, How Break Can Be Avoided

UP TO GERMANY TO ACT AND TO DO IT QUICKLY

Ambassador Gerard Optimistic But Not In Touch With Home Feeling

Washington, April 7.—The United States government is absolutely convinced today that a German submarine torpedoed the channel steamer Sussex, with Americans aboard. Berlin's statement of Teuton intentions is being awaited. In the light of its firm conviction, the administration does not propose to wait long.

These facts were known as the cabinet ministers gathered at the White House. The evidence is declared conclusive, although its exact nature has not been revealed. What part the American embassy attaches' report on torpedo fragments found in the Sussex wreckage may be playing in the situation is not known. The state department is without confirmation of Berlin reports that Germany desires further details of the Sussex disaster before communicating with Washington.

It was hinted that such a request would not be received kindly here.

The attitude here apparently is that Germany is expected to declare its intentions in the Sussex case on the theory that one of the Kaiser's submarines was responsible.

It has been indicated so strongly recently that the government is expected to sever diplomatic relations if Germany is proven responsible for the attack, that many officials cannot see a possibility of Berlin declaring itself in any way by which a rupture may be avoided.

Disavowal of the attack, promise of making reparations to those who suffered by it and real punishment for the submarine commander are the strongest German assurances expected by the most sanguine. Others are hopeful that a settlement of the whole submarine issue may become possible as the price of continued diplomatic relations. They believe that such a settlement, conceding all that America has contended and giving unbreakable assurances, would save the crisis.

If these things are so, it is certain that Germany must act voluntarily, and act soon.

Gerard is Optimistic

By Carl W. Ackerman.
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Berlin, April 7.—American Ambassador Gerard does not believe the German-American situation is serious. In spite of allied reports, he is confident that a settlement will be reached with the United States with complete willingness to discuss and settle any question now at issue with regard to the five ships recently destroyed.

Dr. Heckscher said today that the celebratory tone, formerly said American as the does today," said Dr. Heckscher. "Adjustment of any difficulties is certain."

Officials believe that if the present international storms are weathered the danger of diplomatic break will have passed.

Schools Closed to Save Grand Mothers' Lives

Oakland, Cal., April 7.—Oakland will not see the usual epidemic of "grandmother's funerals" on the day the Oakland team plays its first game on the home grounds. This was assured today when the board of education instructed all school principals to permit any student desiring to do so to leave school on the opening day to attend the game.

"They'd all play hooky anyway," said the director who suggested the plan. The Oaks open on their home grounds against Portland on April 13.

PRISON FLAX PLANT IS HIVE OF INDUSTRY

With the flax plant and the prison canteen full blast the empty shops of the penitentiary shops have given way to the hum of industry, and commercial flax and elementary education are being turned out under the supervision of Superintendent Cady and Principal Frank Davney, respectively.

The three principal operations of preparing the flax for use is being carried out by about a hundred men in the flax mill. The flax is broken, scutched and baled, then bound into bundles. The breakers consist of serrated rollers that break the woody covering from the flax as it is fed into the machines by one man to each machine; another breaks the bundles and separates them for the feeder. Another man takes the flax as it comes from the breaker and piles it up on a table where it can be reached by the men working at the scutching machines.

The scutching machines consist of 4 dull knives shaped like a cavalry sabre which revolve on a shaft. The bunches of broken flax are held against these knives which scrape the woody parts from the fibre which is then twisted and turned over to the bakers. The bakers consist of huge steel spiked combs mounted on a table. The bunches of flax are then combed out much the same as maldy combs out her hair with.

The bales leave the fibres of the flax free from tangles and in suitable bunches for handling. They are then assembled in bundles about 12 inches

MAY BE TWO CHINAS

London, April 7.—The rich Chinese province of Kwang Tung of which Canton is the capital, has declared its independence of the Yuan Shi Kai government, according to a Reuter dispatch from Shanghai today.

Fear was expressed that other provinces would follow its example, possibly dissolving the republic into a number of small nations while the revolution against Yuan Shi Kai is in progress.

It was reported that this week's movement would split China into two nations, a southern and a northern. The province of Kwang Tung has an area of 80,000 miles and its population is variously estimated at from 22,000,000 to 30,000,000 people.

WHOLE FAMILY OF SIX MURDERED BY MADMAN

Livestock Shot and Horses, Barns and Granaries Are All Burned

Saskatoon, Sask., April 7.—A whole family of six were wiped out in the Wakarusa district last night when Prokop Marchure, his wife, his brother-in-law and his three children were murdered and their home burned. Their livestock were shot and left to perish in the burning barns.

The crime was discovered by a neighbor.

The alarm was sounded and a number of neighbors gathered. It was thought that the family had been accidentally burned to death during the night.

One by one the bodies were taken from the still smoking house and it was found that a wholesale murder had taken place and that every member of the family had been shot down before the house had been set on fire. The crime was evidently committed by a madman in whose hands the rifle, found in the ruins, had evidently been used.

After the murder of the human inhabitants, the madman directed his attention to the livestock of the farm.

Three head of oxen were found outside the barn shot dead.

Among the buildings burned were two granaries, each containing 1,000 bushels of wheat, and two barns, in one of which, six head of horses were burned to death and in the other two head of cattle perished.

Men Act Queerly

The three men came to her at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, she says, and asked to see a room. They talked briefly and when taken to a room on the north side, one of them went directly to the window and peered toward the little house across the street where the sisters lived. The thought occurred to her then she says, that the men were planning to rob some house in the neighborhood.

The police put H. S. King, the nephew of the victims who found the bodies, under a severe examination for three hours yesterday.

"We are inclined at the present to accept King's story as he tells it," said Captain of Detectives Tennant. "He stuck to it during the whole time."

According to the Dexter Horton bank, Mrs. Wheeler withdrew her money from the bank between February and July, 1915. Her account amounted to a little more than \$2,000.

Detectives working on the case point out that the murderer wanted to make sure that his victims were dead, because they were unmercifully chopped with the ax.

Robbery could have been accomplished, they say without going to that extent.

SENDS EAST FOR PRINCIPAL

Portland, Ore., April 7.—A. H. Sprout of Salem, Mass., was notified by the Portland school board today of his election as principal of the new commercial high school here. He will take office September 1.

POLICE BELIEVE CLUE IS FOUND IN SEATTLE MURDER

Strange Men Wanted Room Overlooking Cottage of Murdered Women

ONE MAN OCCUPIED IT NIGHT OF THE KILLING

Murderer Made Sure They Were Dead—Was Probably Known by Them

Seattle, Wash., April 7.—An unknown man slept in the "observation room" of the apartment house at 338 1/2 Westlake avenue, on the night of the murder of Mrs. Corine Wheeler and her sister, Miss Kate Swift.

This was the discovery made today by Mrs. J. O. Fouts, the landlady.

The aged sisters, who were found dead with their heads beaten in with an ax and a hammer, had told a neighbor, Mrs. C. E. Smith, that a man was watching them from the apartment house across the street.

The "observation room" was on the third floor, directly across Harrison from the little house, where two old women hoarded their savings.

"On Wednesday night (the night of the murder) a man slipped into the room," said Mrs. Fouts today. "It had not been occupied in the three weeks that I have managed the place."

"I was surprised Thursday to see the door slightly open. It had not been locked. I stepped inside and found the room in disorder. A man had crawled into the bed with all his clothes on. I have no idea when he came in or when he left. No one saw him."

Another apartment house angle to the murder mystery, was the statement by Mrs. Fouts that three peculiar acting young men, two of them wearing sweaters had applied for a room Wednesday afternoon and told her they didn't have any money but were going to get some.

Association Agrees To Advance Lumber Prices

Tacoma, Wash., April 7.—After a survey has been made to even up discrepancies in quotations, a general increase of from 50 cents to \$1 a thousand in lumber prices will be made by north-west mills, it was announced today. Sixty-three western Washington mills were represented at a meeting held here late yesterday to consider the question of advancing prices. About 60 per cent of the delegates to the meeting are affiliated with east coast lumbermen associations.

The present market is strong and demand good, lumbermen said. Conditions in the industry, it was claimed, are better than in several years and promise to improve steadily.

HARDING OF OHIO FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Roosevelt Not Discussed But He Evidently Is Not In Favor

Chicago, April 7.—United States Senator Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, this afternoon was unanimously chosen temporary chairman of the republican national convention which meets here in June. The republican national committee made the selection.

Chairman Hilles, of the republican national committee, said Theodore Roosevelt's announcement of his candidacy for the presidential nomination had not entered into the short deliberative proceedings which preceded Harding's selection as the man to deliver the convention's "keynote" speech.

It is believed that Harding is acceptable to both the conservative and progressive elements in the party. Some members of the congressional committee whose selection would conciliate Roosevelt, Harding is here.

Hilles would not comment on Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy. Ralph Williams, members from Oregon said the only surprise in connection with Roosevelt's announcement was that it was so mild.

LaFayette Gleason, of New York, made temporary secretary of the convention and George Hart of Roanoke, official reporter.

Judge Asks County To Sue Him for \$1,000

Vancouver, Wash., April 7.—Superior Judge R. H. Black, known as the "first aid to epidemics" wants to be sued.

In one year Judge Black married 300 couples, for which he received upwards of \$1,000. He doesn't know what to do with the money. The law says he may receive no pay besides his salary. There is no provision for turning it over to the state. So Judge Black has asked the county commissioners to sue him for it.

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