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## BALKAN SITUATION CRITICAL--LEADERS CONFER

### THREE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK

#### GREAT MEETING OF THE PARENTS

TEACHERS ALSO WELL REPRESENTED AT THE GATHERING HELD LAST EVENING.

#### TALKS BY CREGO AND FRANZKE

The first regular meeting of the Lewistown Parent-Teacher association, which was held Tuesday, boasted an attendance which filled the main floor and gallery of the High school gymnasium, where it was held. The program was of a nature to awaken the interest of the most lethargic who might have attended for day's sake, and stimulate in him a desire to become a part of this great factor in civic construction, for the Parent-Teacher association, dating from last evening, has very firmly fixed itself as an institution for good in the entire community.

The program was just long enough to be interesting until the last, and seemed to contain just the right ingredients to fulfill its purpose. Two masterly addresses were delivered, one by Rev. H. P. Crego, president of the association, and the other by A. A. Franke, superintendent of the city schools. Rev. C. M. Donaldson gave the invocation and besides this there were three musical numbers which afforded unusual enjoyment, first a double number by the High School Girls' Glee club, which appeared in public for the first time and did itself proud, second a piano solo by Mrs. Paul Trigg which, by its excellence, demanded an encore, and last a vocal solo of exceptional beauty by Miss Edith Foley.

Vice President E. C. Russel introduced Mr. Crego, announcing that the latter would give his president's address. Mr. Crego was eloquently convincing in what he had to say and his address was one of the finest he has yet given in this city. By his statements he showed that he is very much in earnest in his desire to see the Parent-Teacher movement fulfill the purpose for which it was conceived, particularly in this city, upon which the local organization must center its endeavors. He spoke at first of the great victories achieved over once-dreaded disease, unsanitary environments and other physical discomforts, of the wonderful enlightenments which science and other branches of learning have given the present generation, and stated that he believed, in a spirit of optimism, that there were greater things to come. The greatest of all sins is that of ignorance, and this the cause for all sin and subsequent distress. The three institutions to which the power of overcoming ignorance is given are the church, the home and the school. Eliminating the first, on account of its limitations, the last two should be firmly affiliated in order to accomplish the greatest results in the training of their common charge, the child. That the school and the school's property should be a meeting place for social and educational activities which no lodge, church or field of public amusement could embrace, is a goal towards which the association should strive.

Mr. Franke speaks. It would be difficult to review such an address as Mr. Franke gave, because it dealt with the more intimate problems which confront parents and teachers on every hand. The child, he asserted, is the great asset in the community and with this in mind his physical, moral and educational being should be preciously and jealously trained, first at home and then at school, with the vigilance of both home and school guarding him in the vast spaces between the two. What Mr. Franke had to say to the parents sank deep in their minds, and it is safe to infer that great results will be forthcoming, as time will tell. The association meeting of next month will be sectional, one being held in each school house, the second Tuesday in January another mass meeting will be held with a big program.

### STATE PRESENTS LAST EXPERT ON EXPLOSIVES IN THE SCHMIDT TRIAL

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—William Mulholland, the last of the experts on explosives to be called by the prosecution, completed his testimony today in the trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, charged with the murder of Charles Hagerty, one of the 20 persons who were killed, October 1, 1910, in an explosion which destroyed the Los Angeles Times building. The witness identified the steel beam found in the building after the explosion and also the beam broken by a charge of dynamite as an expert afterward. When the prosecution questioned Mulholland about the experimental beam, objections were

#### Hospital Ship Strikes a Mine in English Channel—Lives Lost.

DOVER, Nov. 17.—(11:15 p. m.)—The hospital ship Anglia, with about 300 wounded men on board, in addition to the crew, nurses and attendants, bound from France for Dover, struck a mine in mid-channel today and sank in a very short time. Nearly 100 men, most of them seriously wounded and therefore in their coats, lost their lives.

The collier Lusitania, which was nearby at the time of the accident, immediately went to the assistance of the Anglia and her boats had just been lowered when she also struck a mine and foundered. All of her crew were saved.

A patrol vessel succeeded in rescuing 300 of the Anglia's passengers and crew, including some nurses. A number of bodies were recovered.

The sinking of the Anglia, although the first case in the war of a hospital ship meeting disaster while carrying wounded, has caused great anxiety in the public mind as it had been supposed that the English channel was entirely free of danger from mines.

The newspapers indulge in much speculation, some of them offering the explanation that they must have been German mines.

The Anglia had 200 cot cases aboard. When the rescuing vessels reached her she was badly down by the head and her propellers were racing. Her stern was so high above the sea that one of the rescuing vessels was able to pass under her and forty men dropped aboard.

The crew of the Lusitania gave vivid narratives of the disaster, according to which, after a terrific explosion, the bows of the Anglia seemed to melt away until the sea lapped her rails. She surged forward, however, in an attempt to reach shore. Soon many boats came to the rescue, including those sent by the Lusitania. Those watching the scene saw the soldiers coming up from below, assembling on deck and calmly waiting the order to pass into the boats.

A rescuing vessel ran right under the sinking steamer's stern and immediately the crew set to work under great difficulties to transfer the wounded.

Every moment the stern of the doomed vessel rose higher and the hull veered sidewise as though about to turn turtle, but still the crew worked on.

Some of the wounded, unable to keep their footing on the sloping deck, fell into the sea and were picked up by the rescuers. Others jumped overboard. All the while the nurses worked with splendid devotion with their crew to transfer their patients to the boats.

The difficulties were augmented by the racing propeller, which gave a circular motion to the Anglia.

The end came with dramatic suddenness. With wounded soldiers and doctors, nurses and soldiers still clinging to the stern, the vessel appeared for a moment to stand on her bows, then suddenly went under, but left the Red Cross flag flying at her mast, six feet above the water.

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#### HARRY SMITH IS GIVEN FREEDOM

YOUNG MAN WHO RAN OFF WITH A SCHOOL GIRL IS IN BIG LUCK.

#### LIGHT DAY IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Harry Smith, the young man who left a few weeks ago with a 15-year-old school girl from the Castle Butte section and was stopped at Harlowton, the couple being brought back, was given his freedom last evening, after having been in the county jail ever since the arrest was made. County Attorney Frank Wright encountered several obstacles in this case, the first being that the girl maintained from first to last that Smith had departed himself with entire propriety, so far as she was concerned. Mr. Wright next tried to hold the man on a charge of kidnaping, but again the girl insisted that her departure was entirely voluntary, Smith being in no way responsible for it through deception or other means. The statute provides that a minor over the age of 12, who consents, cannot be kidnaped, and in view of this Judge Edward Brassey, before whom the matter was brought, dismissed the proceeding.

#### DAN CUPID GETS BUSY, FOUR COUPLES BEING MARRIED HERE

A double wedding occurred at 5 o'clock last evening at the Methodist parsonage when Rev. C. M. Donaldson united four people in matrimony. The contracting parties were Theodore Anderson and Kathleen M. Johnson of Rav, and Frank Taylor and Mylena McCarty of Blakeslee. In each case the ring ceremony was used, the couples witnessing the ceremonies in turn.

Laurie Connors and Miss Hazel Brown, both of Hobson, were married here last evening, Rev. C. M. Donaldson officiating.

James E. Dunn and Miss Verna O. Williams, both of Gillette, were married at the Empire rooms yesterday morning, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. L. Keeley, of the Christian church.

Gordon E. Heritage of Musselshell, and Cora Porter of Lewistown, were married in this city yesterday.

TO HAVE RECEIVED. In making up the calendar for the rest of the jury term, Judge Ayers arranged for a week's recess for the court and jury, beginning on December 1. Court will reconvene on December 7.

#### BULGARIANS CAPTURE PERLEPE

#### MASONS VISIT GRASS RANGE

Headed by former Grand Master O. F. Wasmansdorff, representing the grand master, and W. W. Wheaton, master of the local lodge, about 25 Masons yesterday afternoon made the trip to Grass Range by auto and last evening constituted the Masonic lodge at that place, which has heretofore been working under jurisdiction. The visitors were received at Grass Range by a committee and following a report proceeded with the work. The visit was a most enjoyable one and the Lewistown delegation returned home early this morning.

Saturday the members of the local lodge will go to Denton on a similar mission and ample preparations have been made at the Grass Range west side city to receive the visitors.

FOR EXHIBITION CAR. Two big boxes of potatoes, threshed grain and grain in the shock, was sent out by the Chamber of Commerce to Austin, Minn., Saturday, where it will be taken by the Milwaukee immigration car, which will be in that city on November 17, in charge of E. E. Brewer, immigration agent of the Milwaukee. The samples sent to this car are among the finest Fergus county can produce and ought to turn the attention of scores of settlers to the Judith basin.

JOHN B. RITCH HOME. John B. Ritch, proprietor of the Myrtle theater, returned home yesterday from a trip that took him to Great Falls and Helena on business connected with his amusement enterprise.

#### Greece Must Be Made to Act With Entente or Serbia Is Lost.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—(9:40 p. m.)—The fact that the Balkan situation, both military and diplomatic, is disquieting, if not critical, is believed here to have led to the visit, except the British prime minister, Mr. Asquith, David Lloyd George and A. J. Balfour to Paris for a conference with the French cabinet and General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief.

The main Serbian army, which is operating under General Putnik in the north, is now encompassed on every side but one and being cut off from the south by the Bulgarian advance beyond Tetovo, must depend on the rough roads through Montenegro and Albania for any supplies from the sea.

In the south the Serbian position is almost as bad. The success of the Bulgarians' flanking attack on Babuna Pass and their advance from Veles have prevented the hoped-for junction of the Serbian and French forces. This leaves the Serbians only two lines of retreat, one into Albania, where they may be harassed by unfriendly tribes, and the other across the Greek border, where they are in danger of being dispersed and interned. It is to prevent the latter eventuality that the entente allies are putting forth every effort and unquestionably this matter has been discussed in Paris by the British and French ministers.

The British government has taken further action by the issuance of an order that no Greek vessel, except those loaded or loading, may proceed to their destinations, while Denys Cochlin, member of the French cabinet, who was given an enthusiastic reception at Athens by the municipal authorities and the people, is expected to express firmly the French view of what is considered the unsatisfactory reply of Greece to the entente powers' request for the safe conduct of both Serbian and allied forces should they be compelled to retire into Greece.

Lord Ritchener, the British war secretary, who, it had been stated, was to back M. Cochlin, is now reported to be in Gallipoli, although, according to rumor, King Constantine expressed a wish to see him.

Like Italy and France, England now demands that Greece shall either join the allies or translate her benevolent neutrality toward the entente powers into a clear declaration that she will attempt to disarm neither the Serbians nor the allies should they be forced back over the frontier and that she will afford facilities for the landing and transport of allied troops.

There are no changes on the Italian, French or Russian fronts, but the presence of Russian warships on the coast of Constantinople, where they have been bombarding the German positions, suggests that General Ruzsky has not concluded the offensive which he undertook west of Riga.

The loss of the British hospital ship Anglia in the English channel and another steamer which went to her assistance, is believed to have been due to mines which broke from their moorings in the recent storm. Of less than 400 persons aboard the Anglia, 300 were saved by a patrol boat.

#### They Are Now Two Hours Distant From City of Monastir.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—(3:24 a. m.)—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Athens, dated Wednesday, says:

Official war dispatches are still lacking, but according to press dispatches received here, Perlepe is said to have been occupied by the Bulgarians, who are now two hours distant from Monastir and making a turning movement under command of German officers. The situation at Monastir is reported to be most critical. The foreign consuls, except the French, have gone to Saloniki, to which place the prefect of Monastir has sent the city's archives.

Confirmation has been received at Saloniki of the report that the Bulgarians have entered Perlepe after a junction with the Bulgarian army coming from Tetovo, according to an Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

TROOPS TO MONASTIR. PARIS, Nov. 18.—(3:30 a. m.)—British troops well supplied with artillery left Saloniki for Monastir Tuesday, says a Havas dispatch from Athens.

SHIPS IN CATTLE. County Assessor Carl J. Riddick Sunday received his second trainload of cattle, which he will sell here. There are between 400 and 500 head of white faces and short horns. The heifers are all high grade stock and Mr. Riddick expects to dispose of them as quickly as he did the last trainload. He still has one more trainload to come in and even that will hardly be sufficient to supply the demand.

### KILL FOREIGNERS IN RAID

#### PLANNING TRIPS FOR AMERICANS

RAILROADS PLAYING UP WINTER TOUR TO HONOLULU VERY STRONGLY.

#### PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURS

Now that the San Francisco fair is about to close, the railroads are beginning to offer other attractive inducements for vacation trips. W. J. Keeley, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Milwaukee, states that there will be a personally conducted party to Honolulu and return, starting via the Milwaukee from Butte, January 20, 1916. The Milwaukee people will especially try to interest those who are in the habit of making trips to California and Florida each winter, for the officials in direct charge feel sure that the Honolulu trip will be a change which will be worth trying.

The Great Northern Railway company is also desirous of directing the attention of its patrons to a Hawaiian Island trip in the near future, via the company's steamship, "Great Northern." This steamship has been making the round trip from Portland to San Francisco during the past year, but will now be directed to Honolulu. Both railroads have special literature on these trips and both local ticket agents will be glad to give more detailed information upon request.

#### GILKERSON HAS LARGE PLANS FOR EXTENDING HIS BUSINESS

Regarding the statement made in yesterday's Democrat-News to the effect that John Brooks had purchased an interest in the Gilkerson Ice company, it appears that while the negotiations to that end are in progress, the deal has not yet actually been closed up. Until it is, Mr. Gilkerson continues in entire charge of the business.

Regardless of this, however, the company will proceed to enlarge its business as outlined, by engaging in the manufacture of dairy products, including ice cream, for the wholesale trade. The new equipment will include an artificial ice plant, cold storage and the latest accessories to this business.

BACK AT OLD STAND. The Hilger Loan and Realty company is back and doing business in the old quarters in the Diamond block, which, thanks to carpenters and painters, are as good as ever and better than new. The temporary quarters of this firm has been in the Bank Electric building.

#### SEEKS SAMPLES OF FERGUS CORN

The Chamber of Commerce has written to several farmers of Eastern Fergus county, and others who are known to have produced corn crops which will compete favorably with any, asking them to send samples of their products to the First National Corn Show at St. Paul, December 1-31. The corn-raising industry in this county is comparatively new but some of the samples are worthy of any competitive display. The National Corn Show will be held under the auspices of the First National Bank of St. Paul and the bankers of the Northwest.

"Corn and cattle contribute capital for bigger bank balances" is the slogan adopted by the management of this great show. The object of this show is to encourage every farmer in the Northwest and the farmers' sons to grow more corn and cattle because these will produce "bigger bank balances" for the farmer and greater prosperity for the Northwest. The farmers and bankers of the Northwest are alive to this fact and it is confidently expected that the first national corn show will receive the greatest display of corn the country has ever seen. The keen interest displayed by farmers on the first announcement of this show would indicate that there will be thousands of entries made for the prizes offered. Reports coming from the entire Northwest indicate that the acreage planted to corn in the states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon is vastly greater than in 1914.

#### Four Americans and One Briton Killed by Gen. Villa's Followers.

TOPOLOBAMPO, Sinaloa, Nov. 7.—(Via Radio to San Francisco.)—Mayo Indians and Villa troops were reported, by refugees who arrived today, to have raided the town of Los Mochis, 18 miles inland from here, yesterday. The refugees, who arrived today, sought protection aboard the United States gunboat Annapolis. One British subject and four Americans were reported killed in the raid.

Thirty-three refugees, mostly women and children, arrived here and were taken aboard the Annapolis. Others were said to be on the way.

American civilians here immediately organized outposts and patrols to guard the town.

The late arrivals from Los Mochis said the raiders withdrew late yesterday and that a detachment of Carranza troops had been ordered there by General Dieguez, in compliance with the request yesterday of Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow, commanding the Pacific fleet, to whom Americans at Los Mochis appealed for protection. They said in their appeal they feared attacks by the Indians following the recent withdrawal of a Carranza garrison to join troops in operations near San Blas, 30 miles north of here.

It was stated that the United Sugar company's property at Los Mochis and other American interests were looted. The situation from Mayor Mix of Nogales, Ariz., has been implicated in Mexican raids into American territory, were brought to the attention of the state department again today by Senator Ashurst. The senator had a telegram from Mayor Mix of Nogales asking that the attorney general send a special agent immediately to investigate the case and declare that the full report of the charges in the consul's handwriting was available. No action has been taken by the government.

WANT SPECIFIC REPORT. WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Further instructions were sent by the state department today to the American consul at Progreso, Mexico, regarding the investigation he had been directed to make of the recent forcible search of the steamer Zealandia by a British cruiser off Progreso. A specific report is desired as to the absence of the ship's papers, which the captain has been quoted as saying had been left previously at the consul. The British embassy has informed the state department that the Zealandia was boarded and searched when outside of Mexican territorial waters.

CARRANZA IN NO HURRY. LAREDO, Texas, Nov. 17.—Gen. Venustiano Carranza has changed his plans for his entry into Mexico City. It was learned today. It was reported previously that the first chief would go to the Mexican capital Nov. 20 to take up his residence as head of the de facto government. This date has been abandoned. General Carranza and his party still are in Sattillo, his old home, where all administrative business is being transacted.

ATTACK LASTED AN HOUR. DUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 17.—Gen. Alvaro Obregon, chief of the Carranza forces, who during the last few days has been preparing to move the Sonora troops of General Carranza against the forces of Francisco Villa, near Hermosillo, has diverted his efforts toward Cananea. Hardly had Obregon, with an advance guard, left Naco today when rifle shots from the

LABOR LEADERS UNANIMOUSLY INDORSE THE DICK MILITARY LAW

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—Unanimous indorsement of the Dick military law was given today by the American Federation of Labor at its thirty-fifth annual convention in this city. This action was taken in considering the report of the executive council on the Dick law, the question having been referred to the committee on international relations at the Philadelphia convention.

The executive council's report on the Dick law was adopted in full. In part, it says:

"Our American traditions are wholesomely positive against the maintenance of a large standing army. We think it can be safely and emphatically stated that only a small percentage of the American people favor the maintenance of a large standing army. We express our belief in the need of a small standing army to be supplemented by a citizen soldiery, decoratively organized and controlled, so as to prevent either the small standing army or the larger supplements and its units to be used for or by any special privileged class, either at home or abroad."

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Resolution Adopted. E. C. Russel, representing John Duffield, introduced a resolution to be placed before the commissioners of Fergus county, which was adopted by the Fergus County Fair association and, this resolution being as follows: Whereas, the entire property of this association is bonded to secure the indebtedness of the association, and the said indebtedness is overdue and foreclosure is threatened by said bondholders; and said property is of about the value of the amount of said indebtedness; Whereas, a proposition is under discussion between the board of directors and the board of county commissioners of Fergus county for the lease or sale of said property to Fergus county for fair purposes for the amount of said indebtedness and such sale or lease seems to be the best method of meeting such indebtedness and for the best interests of this association; and Whereas, it appears that the secretary has given the proper notices by mail and publication, to the stockholders and that more than two-thirds of the stock of this association is here present, personally or by proxy; Be It Resolved; that the trustees of this association be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to make a sale or lease of all the property of this association, consisting of about 50 acres of land and all buildings and improvements thereon, to Fergus county for fair purposes for the amount of the bonded indebtedness of the association, amounting to the sum of \$19,000, approximately, and to execute all necessary contracts, leases, deeds or other instruments in order to effect such transfer.

For Further Consideration. It is expected that the county commissioners will take this matter up as it stands, at their December meeting, the association having made a positive declaration in favor of the sale. The question now remains with the county commissioners to decide whether or no Fergus will promote an annual fair.

At the meeting Wednesday, Harry Summers of Bozeman, spoke to the Fair association members on the experiences of Gallatin county. It appears that Gallatin county encountered almost this same situation a few years ago, at which time the county took over the fair grounds then the property of private shareholders, and inaugurated a county fair. Since that time the assessment of one mill for fair interests has been entirely satisfactory to Gallatin county farmers and the county fair is one of the biggest institutions they have.

#### PROPOSITION AS TO FAIR GROUNDS

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION DEFINE SITUATION.

#### WILL GO TO THE COMMISSIONERS

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