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DIPLOMAS TO GRADUATES TONIGHT

Class of 1916 Will Receive Sheepskins From Hand of Board President at Opera House This Evening

The opera house was crowded Thursday evening with citizens gathered to witness the annual Class day exercises by the members of the graduating class of the Grants Pass high school. The stage at the opera house was beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery and the class colors, and banked behind the footlights were the 45 members of the class of 1916. The literary and musical program of the evening was supplied by members of the senior class, and included vocal and instrumental music, orations, readings and the usual salutatory and valedictory through which the class said its fare well.

The honor places upon the program were won by Miss Florence Riddle, who held first place through the high school course, and who was valedictorian; by Wilford Allen, Jr., salutatorian, who had second place in scholarship, and by Raymond Lathrop, class orator, who held third position.

A feature of the evening was the decorating of members of each of the four classes in the high school with honor medals, the first time this has been in vogue here. For the freshman class, George Williams was first called to the stage and received from the hand of Superintendent Hill the silver medal that is token of scholarship for the year. Miss Esther Gilkey was likewise honored for the sophomore class; Miss Mabel Hanseth for the Juniors, while to Winfield Gilkey went the gold medal of the senior class. Mr. Gilkey also received the grand medal for general efficiency based upon scholarship, interest and influence in student activities, etc.

Tonight will bring to a close the exercises of the commencement week when the graduates will receive from the hands of the president of the school board the diplomas, that mark the completion of their work. The address to the class is to be delivered by Judge Henry L. Benson, member of the supreme court of Oregon, and principal of the Grants Pass high school at the time of the graduating of the first class from the institution in 1888. The program tonight will also include music by the high school orchestra, a vocal solo by Miss Margaretta White, a clarinet solo by Lynn Sablin, the singing of "The Purple and White," a song composed by Miss Vivian Merrill, of the graduating class, by the class, and the presentation of diplomas by President L. B. Hall of the school board.

AUSTRIANS TAKE ITALIAN POSITION

Vienna, May 26.—Austrian troops stormed and captured Italian positions at Chiasso, 21 miles northwest of Vicenza, after a battle lasting three days, it was announced officially today. This victory drives a wedge into the Italian front and will compel the Italian left wing in Adige valley to retreat five miles.

Ten guns were seized in the sudden plunge forward. The Austrian left wing is substantially progressing, but fighting every inch of the way. It is centering its heaviest assaults east of Borgo.

Corno di Campo Verde, a place southeast of Borgo, has been taken by the Austrians.

ALLIES PREPARE SMASH AT TURKS AND BULGARIANS

Rome, May 26.—A terrific smash, aimed to eliminate the Turks and Bulgarians from the war, is the plan of the allies to bring peace, according to general reports current here.

Heavy blows by the allies from Saloniki to Mesopotamia will be followed by a tremendous simultaneous offensive against both the Austrian and German lines in an effort to win a victory over the central powers before winter sets in.

An enormous force of French, Italian, British and Serbian troops have been concentrated at Saloniki and are awaiting the word to strike what the allies hope will prove the death blow of the cause of the central powers.

In the near-east the Russians are pressing forward toward Bagdad.

Despite reports of initial Austrian successes in the Tyrol drive, the Italian public is confident that the outcome of the struggle will spell victory for the Italian forces. It was stated today that when the Austrian offensive began King Victor Emmanuel's troops lacked guns heavy enough successfully to cope with the Austrian cannon, but this deficiency has now been remedied.

PACIFIC MILITIA TO GO ON CRUISE

Washington, May 26.—Arrangements are being completed for what will probably be the greatest naval militia cruise in the history of the Pacific coast. Aboard three warships, the Oregon, New Orleans and the Marblehead, the citizen sailors of California, Washington and Oregon will put to sea July 15 for two weeks of practice and squadron maneuvers.

Naval militiamen of California will embark aboard the historic old Oregon at San Francisco and will proceed to Port Angeles, Wash., the rendezvous of the squadron. The Washington militia embarks on the New Orleans at Tacoma, and the Oregonians on the Marblehead at Portland. During July 15, 16, 17 and 18 the squadron of three vessels will meet at Port Angeles for drills.

On its way down the coast the New Orleans is to stop at Seattle for another detachment of sailors, and the Marblehead will halt for a short time at Astoria.

July 18 the three warships will steam to sea from Port Angeles and head for Sitka, Alaska, where they are scheduled to drop anchor July 22. Then will follow a day of landing practice and shore drills. Men of each ship will also be granted several hours liberty ashore.

Leaving Sitka July 23, the vessels will proceed southward until the latitude of Cape Flattery is reached. There the New Orleans and Marblehead will signal good-bye to the Oregon, which plows on alone while the cruisers turn toward Port Angeles again.

Arriving at Port Angeles, the crews of the New Orleans and Marblehead are to be drilled from July 26 to July 28, after which the Marblehead departs for Portland, where its men are to return to their civilian duties.

The Oregon is scheduled to reach San Francisco July 29, and disembark its men. This ends the regular maneuvers, but the New Orleans will continue independent operations, cruising at the discretion of its commanding officer until August 5, when its citizen sailors will go ashore at Seattle and Tacoma.

CORPORAL MARKSHURY KILLED BY MEXICANS

Washington, May 26.—Lance-Corporal David Markshury, a machine gunner of the 17th cavalry, in the American trooper who was killed fighting Mexican bandits at Las Cruces yesterday, the war office announced today.

CERVANTESIS KILLED IN MEXICO

Outlaw Leader Who Has Been at Head of the Band That Created Reign of Terror, Shot by U.S. Soldiers

Washington, May 26.—Brigadier-General Pershing's official report to the war department today said Candelario Cervantes, bandit, killed by Americans near Las Cruces, had been positively identified by papers found on his body and by several natives and a boy prisoner who knew him. Cervantes was considered the most desperate and dangerous bandit in Mexico, next to Villa. It is believed his death will expedite the capture of others. Cervantes was one of the principal leaders in the raid on Columbus, N. M.

The detachment of cavalry pursuing struck his band again in Alamille canyon after his clash with army engineers, and the gang scattered to the hills.

Namiquipa, Mex., May 25.—(By Radio to Columbus, N. M., May 26).—Candelario Cervantes, outlaw chieftain, was killed by U. S. troops south of Las Cruces today.

Cervantes was leader of the bandits who had been terrorizing that section for months. He was killed upon attempting to rush a party of engineers repairing a road six miles south of Las Cruces.

It was estimated that twenty bandits attacked. Three Americans were wounded, one dying shortly afterward. News of the assault being flashed to the United States garrison at Las Cruces, a cavalry troop commanded by Lieut. B. T. Marchant, attached to the Thirteenth regiment, and a column from the Eleventh cavalry under Captain Cushman galloped in pursuit.

The engineers had returned the Mexicans' fire and the latter fled in disorder toward the Bacora country. Cushman's command overtook them, killing two and wounding many.

Cervantes' body was identified by the mayor of Las Cruces. By General Pershing's order both bodies were brought to Columbus for further identification.

George Hullitt, of the Seventeenth infantry, a machine gunner, killed both Mexicans, being himself wounded. It was believed Cervantes did not intend to attack the engineers, but, being closely pursued, ran into them unexpectedly.

HUGHES HAS 10,000 MAJORITY IN STATE

Portland, May 26.—With about two per cent of the vote in last Friday's primaries missing, Charles E. Hughes has a majority of more than 10,000 over his two opponents in the race for presidential preference in Oregon. The vote thus far tabulated gives Hughes 54,321; Cummins, 27,017; and Burton, 11,840. Roosevelt's name was written in by more than 4,000 voters, and Henry Ford received about 1,000 votes.

The same count in the race for republican nomination for secretary of state gives Oleott 60,205; Moores, 44,211.

MISSOURI DELEGATION NOT FOR ROOSEVELT

St. Louis, May 26.—Charles W. Fairbanks' supporters were happy today when it was announced that the Missouri delegation would not be for Roosevelt. Hughes sentiment is strong.

TAFT READY TO SUPPORT TEDDY IF NOMINATED

Washington, May 26.—If Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is nominated, William Howard Taft will support him, according to reports at republican headquarters today. Taft, here on work connected with international peace, chuckled and shook his head when questioned about the rumor.

"Why should I comment on such a violent hypothesis?" was his only reply.

It was reported here that a number of progressives will not follow Roosevelt in any path he may select if he does not agree with the progressives' course. Should the colonel endorse a conservative candidate and sidetrack important social justice planks featured in the 1912 bull moose platform, the progressives intend to name one candidate and make an independent fight.

Progressive republican senators will try to place as many progressive planks as possible in the regular republican platform.

LaFollette, Norris, Cummins, Borah and Kenyon all have pet planks.

AMERICAN AVIATOR INJURED IN FRANCE

Paris, May 26.—William Thaw, American, was wounded in the arm during an engagement with a German Fokker aeroplane above the battle lines yesterday, official dispatches said today. This gave rise to a report that Thaw, a member of the French foreign legion, had been killed.

TWO WOMEN ON DEMOCRATIC TICKET

The official count of the primary election ballots by the canvassing board discloses that the democrats endorsed some republican candidates and nominated others where there were vacancies by the writing in of names. For state senator to oppose Dr. Smith the name of Attorney A. C. Hough was written in by 61 democrats, while Dr. Sweeney was nominated by the write-in route for nominee for representative. Mr. Sweeney received 59 votes.

Two women were named upon the ticket, Miss Minnie Ireland, of this city, being given the nomination by the democrats for county clerk, while Mrs. Alice Bacon, of Merlin, was nominated for county superintendent of schools. Miss Ireland received 68 votes and Mrs. Bacon 54. E. A. Humpton, of Selma, was nominated for county treasurer with 17 votes. Dr. Loughridge for coroner and Eelus Pollock for assessor were endorsed by the democrats.

COURTMARTIAL OF TEXANS RECOMMENDED BY FUNSTON

Washington, May 26.—Court-martial for the 116 Texan militiamen who refused to report for border duty was recommended today by Major-General Funston. The men are held in San Antonio. Funston submitted to the war department a list of military court officers, including regular army and national guardsmen. Action is expected soon from President Wilson.

PRESBYTERIANS GO TO TEXAS IN 1917

Atlanta City, N. J., May 26.—The Presbyterian assembly will meet in 1917 at Dallas, Texas, it was decided today. Dallas delegates made a hard fight to win the conclave for their city.

Seattle delegates were most active in bidding for the convention. During the debate one delegate shouted: "If the Presbyterian church is out to accomplish results for the prohibition cause, the assembly ought to go to towns where there are no saloons."

FRENCH HOLD GERMANS AT VERDUN

Kaiser's Army Continues Its Smashing Tactics, but the Paris Officials Profess no Fear Outcome of Conflict

Paris, May 26.—French troops repulsed violent German attacks on the Meuse west bank and northwest of Verdun in last night's fighting, it was officially announced today. The French also made gains on the east bank. A smashing counter-attack by the French also recaptured a trench lost earlier in the battle near Thiaumont farm, east of the Meuse. Near this farm French soldiers advanced, hurling hand grenades.

West of the Meuse Germans continued to rake the whole French front, especially around Dead Man's hill and Avocourt, with a most violent fire. However, in spite of this preparation, the German infantry attacks were halted by a curtain of French projectiles.

A heavy bombardment of Hill 304 and of strong positions in front of Avocourt was believed preliminary to an attempt to storm the French holdings. This will bring German troops close to the St. Menchoud railroad, which leads eastward to Verdun.

Additional German gains on both Meuse banks aroused the French to a sense of the Verdun situation's seriousness. However, no anxiety is felt here. Even should Germans capture the citadel, it would not alarm Paris. At the same time it is realized the Germans are concentrating their heaviest attacks against the fortress.

Uncounted numbers of dead and wounded litter the slopes of Dead Man's hill and the territory around Douaumont. Shells are constantly bursting among them, killing the wounded and tearing bodies to bits. So there will be no attempt to tabulate the casualties until the artillery clashes cease.

SPANISH STEAMER AURRERA GOES DOWN

London, May 26.—Shippers were informed today that the Spanish steamer Aurrera has been sunk. It was a vessel of nearly 3,000 tons.

ITALIAN STEAMER SUNK

Rome, May 26.—The Italian steamer Eccole has been sunk, presumably by a submarine, dispatches declared today.

TAKE SPECIALIST TO SEE JAS. J. HILL

St. Louis, May 26.—Louis Hill started on a special train for Rochester, Minn., this afternoon to get one of the Mayo brothers, surgeons, to come to St. Paul to consult in the illness of James J. Hill, railroad magnate.

Hill was reported resting comfortably this afternoon, and his family said there was no cause for alarm.

Dr. Wm. Mayo, eldest of the brothers, is returning with Louis Hill. J. J. Hill has been reported for several days rather ill with a cold. There have been rumors that his sickness was more serious than that.

PRES. YUAN SHI KAI READY TO QUIT JOB

London, May 26.—President Yuan Shi Kai of China has definitely decided to retire and is awaiting choice of a suitable successor, according to a Peking dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph today.

WILSON TO SPEAK TOMORROW BEFORE THE PEACE LEAGUE

Washington, May 26.—President Wilson's speech, which he is to deliver before the League to Enforce Peace, was completed today. It will require but fifteen or twenty minutes to deliver. Officials close to the president believe the time is near when seeds of peace may be sown. Wilson's address at Charlotte, N. C., was described as the first step to that end. Tomorrow he will go further, it was declared, showing that the belligerents are apparently deadlocked.

It is even believed the president may go so far as to indicate that he is feeling his way cautiously on this subject.

CARRANZA'S SOLDIERS MOB AMERICAN TROOPS

Columbus, N. M., May 26.—Growing hostility of Carranza soldiers towards Americans is reported today by arrivals from the front. At Casas Grandes, they said, barbed wire obstacles were placed in the roadway and motor truck trains stoned when they attempted to remove the barricades. Several soldiers were struck. Carranza soldiers were noticed in the mob. The American commander prevented the troops from using their guns.

BRANDEIS' CONFIRMATION MAY NOT BE OBTAINED

Washington, May 26.—Speedy confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis' appointment as associate justice of the United States supreme court was indicated today at a meeting of the republican senate judiciary committee members.

They decided that if the democrats allow those opposed to Brandeis to make public their reasons for not conducting a filibuster against the proceedings and will not go through with their plans to prolong the contest.

TAFT TALKS FOR PEACE ON EARTH

Washington, May 26.—Addressing the first meeting of the League to Enforce Peace today, Wm. Howard Taft denied strongly that there was any constitutional objection to its scheme for world peace. He denied Wm. J. Bryan's declaration that a constitutional amendment would be necessary before the United States could agree by treaty not to use its military power against any one of the signatories in a general peace convention.

"The league will not try to stop the present war," Taft said, "but we are here for the distinct purpose of preventing the more or less probable recurrence of such a conflict."

RETREAT COST ITALIAN GENERAL HIS JOB

London, May 26.—General Errol Brustli, commanding the Italian forces retreating before the advancing Austrians, has been relieved on half pay, according to a Rome dispatch to the Evening Star today.

BANDON LAD KILLS SISTER WITH REVOLVER

Bandon, May 26.—Little Susie Netherly, 7 years old, was instantly killed when her 11-year-old brother playfully pulled the trigger of a .38 calibre revolver, which he aimed at her. After the shooting the frantic lad ran 12 miles to Bandon to get his father.

HAWAIIAN VOLCANO RESUMES ITS ACTIVITY

Honolulu, May 26.—Mauna Loa volcano has resumed its activity after a brief lull. The lava flow is progressing daily. The flow is 400 yards wide.

POLICEMEN AND OUTLAW BATTLE

Counterfeiter Shoots Down San Francisco Officer, and Is Himself Riddled With Bullets When Cornered

San Francisco, May 26.—Surrounded by 100 policemen, led by Chief of Police White, an unidentified Greek counterfeiter and murderer was killed today in a deserted bay pirates' cabin on Potrero "mud flats" after a battle lasting an hour and a half, while five thousand spectators looked on.

Police Sergeant John Moriarity was slain by the desperado a short time before the pitched fight started. Peter Mark, a citizen, watching the encounter, received a bullet in the arm.

Efforts are being made to identify the outlaw, who appears to be about 34 years old.

After seeing Hill Moriarity, who attempted to arrest him on a charge of counterfeiting, the man had thrown the mud flats from the Spanish settled Potrero district, mostly owned by the United States, and a crowd of car company employees, who were in the vicinity.

German emptied his revolver at the fugitive, but evidently failed to hit him. Taking refuge in the abandoned cabin, the murderer threw out the clothing except trousers and undershirt, and with two pistols gave battle to ten policemen and his mounted officers who surrounded the hut. Telephone calls for reserves quickly brought additional squads of officers, blazing away at the scoundrel from every side.

The fugitive was first hit in the wrist. He bound up this wound with a strip of shirt and went on shooting. Then two bullets struck his abdomen, but he continued his defense.

Meanwhile the "mud flats" were black with spectators and a squad of police was detailed to keep them out of danger. A skiff, filled with armed officers, approached the cabin cautiously by way of Isis creek and suddenly poured volleys into it from a new angle.

For more than an hour the fight continued, bullets from the hut singing about the ears of the officers and coming dangerously near the excited spectators.

Taking advantage of every slight unevenness in the flats, the policemen crept steadily closer. Finally the shots from the shelter ceased. The posse kept firing into it from all sides, until the weather-beaten structure was riddled.

Police then rushed the house. They found the desperado dead on the floor in a pool of blood, one bullet having split his head open. He still clung to his revolver.

Sergeant Moriarity was killed this morning. For some time the Potrero district had been flooded with counterfeit fifty cent pieces. The man killed today was suspected and Moriarity was detailed to question him. Moriarity approached the suspect and casually asked him where the bad money was coming from. Instantly there came the crack of a revolver and bystanders saw the policeman stagger and fall, while his slayer ran into the flats. Moriarity was shot through the heart. He left a widow and three children.

A tag bearing the name "M. E. Jones" was found sewed to the bandit's coat. This is the only clue as to his identity. Several scraps of paper bearing pencil marks were found clutched in his hand. Police believe he tried to scribble a farewell message when the bullet crashed into his brain.