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GERMANS SINK LUSITANIA; THOUSAND LIVES ARE LOST

Liner Off Irish Coast Attacked Without Warning

STEAMER SUNK—NEARING PORT

Two Torpedoes Crash Into Side of Vessel While Passengers Are at Luncheon—Many Injured Die in Hospitals.

London—The Cunard liner Lusitania, which sailed out of New York last Saturday with more than 2000 persons aboard, lies at the bottom of the ocean off the Irish coast. She was sunk by a German submarine Friday afternoon, which sent two torpedoes crashing into her side, while the passengers, seemingly confident that the great vessel could elude the German under-water craft, were having luncheon.

How many of the Lusitania's passengers and crew were rescued cannot be told at present, but the official statements from the British admiralty up to midnight accounted for not more than 500 or 600. It was reported at the Cunard offices, however, that between 500 and 600 had been landed at Queenstown and about 300 at Clonsilla. There were 1251 passengers and 816 in the crew, a total of 2067. It is believed more survivors will be accounted for. Many are reported to have died in hospitals.

A Dublin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that the latest reports indicate a loss of life of about 1000.

There were dead and wounded among those brought ashore; some since have died.

The Lusitania was steaming along about 10 miles off Old Head Kinsale, on the last leg of her voyage to Liverpool, when about 2 o'clock in the afternoon a submarine suddenly appeared, and two torpedoes all reports go, fired two torpedoes without warning at the steamer. One struck her near the bows and the other in the engine room. The powerful agents of destruction tore through the vessels' sides causing terrific explosions. Almost immediately great volumes of water poured through the openings and the Lusitania listed.

Boats, which were already swung out on the davits, were dropped overboard and were speedily filled with passengers who had been appalled by the desperate attack.

A wireless call for help was sent out and immediately rescue boats of all kinds were sent both from the neighboring points along the coast and Queenstown.

Within 15 minutes, as one survivor estimated, and certainly within half an hour, the Lusitania had disappeared.

Many rescued were taken to Queenstown by steamers. Others are reported as having been landed at the ports of Glonakilly and Kinsale. Some dead and injured were taken ashore with the survivors. Several have died in hospitals.

Formal Opening of Celilo Canal Witnessed by 10,000 Spectators

The Dalles, Or.—The government Wednesday presented to the people of the Northwest a \$50,000,000 instrument to aid them in developing their resources and delivered to them an emphatic note of warning.

The present consists of the Celilo canal, which overcomes the natural barrier in the Columbia river between The Dalles and Tumwater, and which, heretofore, has been the only obstruction to continuous water traffic between the Pacific and the great inland Empire.

Two Lifeboats Picked Up

Dublin—The motorboat Elizabeth has arrived at Kinsale and reports that at 3:30 o'clock Friday she picked up two lifeboats containing 63 and 16 survivors of the Lusitania, respectively. A cork tug took the rescued to Queenstown. They were mostly women and children.

The passengers said that owing to her list to port the Lusitania could not launch many of her lifeboats.

Completion of Celilo Canal Greatly Benefits The Dalles

The Dalles, county seat of Wasco county, has been on the map since the early days of Oregon, but never in such a pronounced fashion as at present. Here is the focusing point of 2300 miles of territory embraced within the county, and the clearing house for all the trade that originates in the wealthy district.

And the city is well able to care for the business that looks to it, and in addition its citizens are reaching out for a more comprehensive market.

Of the 19,000 people who make Wasco county their home, 6000 reside within the city, the oldest in Eastern Oregon, and one which stands in a position for greater development now that the Dalles-Celilo canal has been completed. Heretofore it has looked to a trade zone embraced in the county and west along the Columbia river. With the canal completed it is now possible for it to make itself a center for up-river markets as well.

With a rich back country only partially developed, The Dalles is bending its energies to attract more agricul-

tural people and at the same time bring the city to the front as a site for factories. In this connection the city offers sites fronting on the Columbia river and on the railroad lines as well, with ferry connections with another great transcontinental system directly across the stream.

Cheap hydro-electric power is available already and in the water if the Deschutes and John Day are added thousands of horsepower that can be made to turn the wheels of industry when the proper time arrives.

Among the manufacturing industries at present can be numbered two big flouring mills, from which 500,000 barrels of flour are shipped each year; a wool scouring mill, creamery, salmon cannery, fruit drying plant and in addition a \$60,000 fruit canning plant is now in course of construction.

Within easy distance are 4,000,000,000 feet of standing timber, which, with the orchard, field and livestock products available, offer opportunity for those who would build industrial concerns.

Situated as it is where both water and rail transportation are present, the shipping problem is easy of solution.

Insurance Companies May Increase Rates in Oregon

Salem—State Insurance Commissioner Wells issued a warning to property holders of Portland that unless they co-operated more extensively with Fire Marshal Stevens they could not expect a reduction of losses from fire.

Declaring that the insurance companies were operating at a big loss in Oregon, Mr. Wells said he believed they soon would ask permission to increase their rates.

"The annual statements filed by the various fire insurance companies show that the net premium income for 1914 was \$3,858,212.90, and the losses were \$2,590,359.65," continued Mr. Wells. "This leaves a balance to the insurance companies over losses of \$1,267,853.25, and it is estimated that the average expense for companies to transact business in this state will average 40 per cent. The expense of doing business is made up by agents' commissions, taxes, license fees, supplies, advertising, salaries and clerical hire.

"The already extremely heavy loss ratio for 1915 has caused the insurance companies to become nervous, and all companies operating in Oregon with Pacific departments located in San Francisco at a recent meeting discussed the abnormally excessive losses

in Oregon, and as a result a committee was appointed to visit this state and investigate conditions. This committee probably will ask the Insurance Commissioner to allow an increase of rates.

"No business concerns care to continue business at a loss, but while the raising of rates would amount to more income to the companies, under the present conditions, losses would continue regardless of the increase.

"If the citizens of Portland would assist Fire Marshal Stevens and listen more to the warnings he and his deputies are giving, they would be better off. They should pay more attention to cleanliness about their premises, as well as those of neighbors, instead of passing everything up to the marshal.

"Mr. Stevens has the right idea, but when he steps on the toes of prominent property owners he finds himself in trouble.

"The property owners of Portland have never been compelled to keep their premises in order, and those who would object to doing so seem not to realize that their property might be the next to be destroyed. They should also bear in mind a possible loss of lives of occupants of the buildings, as well as firemen who are called to save the property."

Horse Show and Wild-West Stunts Are Scheduled for Philomath Fair

Philomath—May 21 and 22 have been set for the big horse show here. The committees have been selected and are at work, arranging the program.

There are to be roping contests, raw-hide displays, a grand parade, barbecue, a free-for-all public sale and other events.

The two days are to be filled with stunts calling for red blood and a dash of the old Western life which has not altogether died out. The days of the rolling stage coach and the round-up are to be recalled. Spacious grounds are being prepared and a grand stand will be erected.

Every effort will be made to take care of the crowds which are expected.

The first day will be given to the public sale and sports. Among the first events is to be a drill by one of the Corvallis fire teams.

The public sale will be open for all. Colonel Stevenson has been secured to act as auctioneer. Anyone having stock to dispose of can offer it for sale to the highest bidder.

Fruit Warehouse Sold

Medford—By a deal completed Saturday, the Oregon Fruit company, of Portland, takes charge of the Medford Warehouse company and will operate the plant under the name of the Medford Fruit company.

The company will maintain branch houses in Roseburg, Eugene, Corvallis, Albany, Salem, Baker, Bend and Pendleton, with main offices at Portland.

Charles S. Lebo will remain as manager of the local branch. The officers of the company are: President, W. B. Glafke, of W. B. Glafke & Co., of Portland; vice president, T. E. Ryan, of Pearson, Ryan company, of Portland, and S. C. Dalton, manager. Mr. Dille, manager of Page & Son, of Portland, and Mr. Yule, president of the Pacific Fruit & Produce company, are directors.

Highway Work Outlined

Salem—State Highway Engineer Cantine, who returned recently from a trip inspecting the Pacific Highway, announced that the money apportioned by the state to Jackson county this year would be expended on a stretch of road starting at a bisecting thoroughfare which leads to Klamath Falls and extending to the California line. Mr. Cantine said the highway was in fine condition, with the exception of short stretches in Pass canyon and south of Canyonville.

"Work on the Siskiyou Mountain section was started this week," continued the highway engineer, "and it soon will be ready for summer traffic.

The section below the California line also will be made ready for tourist travel at once. The engineering and supervision of the work leading from Central Point to the Josephine county line has been placed under the supervision of this office, and I have put men to work. In Josephine county the money apportioned by the state will be used for reconstruction where necessary."

Corvallis Woman Named

Salem—George Palmer Putnam, private secretary to Governor Withycombe, announced that the executive had appointed Miss Pauline Kline, of Corvallis, a member of the board of inspectors of child labor, to become effective May 21. She will succeed Henry Kundret, of Portland, who was appointed in 1905 and reappointed in 1911. The other members are: Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, of Portland; Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, of Portland; Mrs. Turner Oliver, of La Grande, and Stephen G. Smith, of Portland. The term of office is five years. There is no compensation.

Gold Hill Has Big Blaze

Gold Hill—A terrific blaze destroyed a blacksmith shop, plumbing shop, jewelry store, a barn, a garage and four residences and badly damaged another home on South Front street. The fire started in a barn, near which children were playing with fire.

There was little insurance. The loss is estimated at \$8000.

AUSTRIA-GERMANS SMASH RUSSIAN BATTLE LINE THROUGH GALICIA

London—An imposing Austrian victory in West Galicia, in which the Russian front of 60 miles has been cut to pieces, was reported Tuesday from Berlin and Vienna.

As though timed to take place simultaneously, a sweeping advance has been made in the Russian Baltic provinces by the Germans, Berlin and Petrograd agreeing that the invasion on a 160-mile front is unchecked.

An attack in West Galicia has been predicted in Petrograd dispatches as an offset to Russian efforts farther east on the Carpathian front. The direction in which this new and sudden stroke has been made, evidently in great force, lies to the south of Russian Poland.

The line along which the Austrian advance was made runs for about 60 miles north and south through Galicia, something more than 50 miles east of Cracow.

Vienna also reports great gains over the Russians who had succeeded in sweeping over the crest of the Carpathian range.

The reports announcing a great victory in the Carpathians led to the entire city of Berlin decking itself with flags. The central telephone stations, the newspaper offices and hotels were besieged by crowds seeking details.

The excitement began when the German authorities received orders to fly the flags "on account of a great victory in the Carpathians."

The official German report says: "In the presence of Austrian commander in chief, Field Marshal Archduke Frederick, and under the leadership of General Von Mackensen, the allied troops, after bitter fighting, pierced everywhere and crushed the entire Russian front in West Galicia, the Danajec river and the Vistula."

Labor Leader Lawson Found Guilty of Murder in Coal Strike Battle

Trinidad, Colo.—John R. Lawson, noted labor leader, was condemned to spend the remainder of his life at hard labor in the Colorado penitentiary. He was found guilty of first-degree murder in connection with the death of John Nimmo, a deputy sheriff, killed in a strike battle October 25, 1913. Under the Colorado statute, making it the duty of the jury to fix the penalty at death or life imprisonment, the jury in the District court fixed the milder punishment.

Lawson sat immovable as the jury filed into the courtroom. There was only a sprinkling of spectators. Judge Granby Hillyer had announced luncheon recess until 2 o'clock, and it was not quite that hour when the jury reported.

In the midst of a tense silence the clerk asked:

"Gentlemen, have you reached a verdict?"

The foreman replied, then handed the written verdict to the clerk, who passed it to the judge.

Lawson sat beside his counsel, his eyes fixed on the jury.

Judge Hillyer glanced at the verdict, then handed it back to Bowdery Floyd, the clerk. The clerk read aloud:

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree and fix the penalty at life imprisonment."

A gasp, a sharp intake of breath, ran around the still crowd. Lawson did not move. A slight smile played over his features. There was silence for a few clock ticks, then Horace N. Hawkins, chief counsel for the defense, asked that the jury be polled. As the clerk read the names, each man assented to the verdict. Then there were brief legal formalities and the crowd filtered out the door.

Wireless To Be Repaired

Vallejo, Cal.—The repair ship Prometheus was designated by the Navy department to take the Mare Island navy yard wireless party to Alaska, where it is said \$50,000 will be spent in overhauling the navy radio stations. It was announced the Prometheus will come here from San Francisco soon to be fitted out for the cruise. The gunboat Annapolis previously was designated for the trip, but later was sent to Mexican waters.

2000 More Britons Strike

London—Two thousand laborers who were engaged in constructing houses to accommodate the workers at the Wallowich arsenal, the largest in Great Britain, went on strike Tuesday. The men demand higher wages.

WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items From All Nations,
Pacific Northwest and Our Own
Commonwealth Condensed for
Our Many Busy Readers.

Berlin newspapers view pessimistically Italy's attitude on the war.

Ex-president Taft commends President Wilson's policy of strict neutrality.

A Pennsylvania labor leader says he advised his followers to learn to shoot, to resist constabulary.

Portland makes arrangements for the usual Rose Show to be held during the coming Rose Festival.

Bryan issues a statement reiterating this country's intention to adhere to the open-door policy in China.

Germans report driving allies from the Ailly forest, with heavy losses in killed, wounded and prisoners.

Fighting in the Dardanelles is being pressed by the allies with satisfactory results, reports the British commander.

Germans prepare to attack the Russian ports of Libau and Riga and threaten communications with Petrograd.

Abbas Hilmi Pasha, deposed as khedive of Egypt when Turkey entered the European war, believes he will regain the throne.

Two women suffragists besieged President Wilson all day in the White House, but were unable to gain an audience with him.

Vienna dispatches declare the Russian army in the Carpathians is in a trap from which it cannot escape, and is doomed to capture or annihilation.

The locks around the falls of the Willamette at Oregon City were turned over to the government and dedicated to the free use of the people.

Japan insists that her "national dignity" is of more importance than the observance of her treaties with other nations regarding the independence of China.

Portland will vote at the coming June election on the question of installing water meters for all consumers, the project involving an outlay of about \$1,000,000.

Upon receipt of a dispatch from Berlin, the German school in Rome was closed and the teachers, with a number of German residents, left immediately for Germany.

The left front wheel of a Portland jitney bus came off and the machine overturned on the streetcar tracks, killing one of its passengers instantly. The driver was injured but the three other occupants of the car escaped with a slight shaking up.

The steamer Undine returned to Portland, Or., Thursday, after successfully making the round trip from that city to Lewiston, Idaho, and return, through the Cascade locks and Celilo canal, demonstrating the completion and great importance of the latter project.

Forest fires in Washington state are reported serious.

A German aeroplane sinks a British submarine in the North Sea.

W. J. Bryan's brother, C. W., has been elected mayor of Lincoln, Neb.

Associate Justice Hughes denies being a candidate for the presidency.

Allies are reported making gains in Turkey, and Smyrna is ready to surrender.

Military preparations are being made for the defense of Peking. According to Chinese officials, whose statements have been corroborated in other circles, the government is making no preparations elsewhere than at the capital for defense, considering that the Chinese will be unable to oppose the Japanese should they make an attack.

Two resolutions, one memorializing congress to seize the nation's food supply for the purpose of preventing its exportation to the belligerent countries, and the other a request that President Wilson use his influence to end the war, were adopted in the lower house of representatives of California. The resolutions were of Socialist origin.