

GERMAN DISPUTE AS GRAVE TODAY AS IT HAS BEEN

POSSIBILITY OF A CRISIS IS ADMITTED

Reply to von Bernstorff's Note to Berlin, setting forth America's demand for compliance with international law regarding torpedoing of armed merchantmen being eagerly awaited.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Officials of the state department today affirm that the German-American controversy is as grave today as it was before the settlement of the Lusitania dispute. The possibility of a crisis over the armed merchantman issue is admitted.

Rumors of personal antagonism between Secretary of State Lansing and German Ambassador von Bernstorff are still heard. State department attaches refuse to discuss this matter.

The next American move in the controversy depends largely upon the reply of Germany to von Bernstorff's last communication, in which he explained that America insists upon a compliance with the international law. Asked flatly if he contemplated calling von Bernstorff to account for activity in spreading alleged annoying propaganda, Lansing today evaded a direct answer.

DINNER, DANCING TOMORROW NIGHT

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS TO GIVE CAFETERIA DINNER—LADIES OF SACRED HEART CHURCH GIVE THE DANCE

Washington's birthday observances are being held in the schools today and tomorrow, the postoffice, banks, city and county offices will be closed all day.

The fair sex will also hold two interesting affairs tomorrow afternoon and evening in observance of the day. The first of these will be a Columbia cafeteria dinner, given by Sprague Chapter, Women's Relief Corps, at

AVIATION BRANCH RECEIVES NOTICE

HAS NEVER RECEIVED APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT FOR ITS NEEDS—CAVALRY WILL PROBABLY BE CUT SHORT

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—A new method for organizing the aviation corps of the United States army, enlarging and improving it to meet the European standards, will soon be recommended in congress. Individual members are convinced that there has been too little attention paid to aeronautics. The army aero squadron has never been given over \$300,000 annually, and army experts assert that from four to five times that sum is necessary to accomplish any considerable improvement.

The result of the determination to build up the aviation branch will probably be that the cavalry branch will be given less attention.

Senator Robinson today renewed the charge before the senate military committee against Colonel Reber, the present head of the aviation branch. Inefficiency, extravagance, favoritism and deceit are alleged.

WILL HAVE CHARGE OF THE REBEKAH BANQUET IN MARCH

The following members have been appointed as members of the March banquet of Prosperity Rebekah Lodge:

Elizabeth Ramsby chairman, Carey Ramsby, Lydia Houston, Vera Houston, Lulu Wattenburg, Frances Waldron, Jasper Bennett, Henrietta Melhase, J. E. Howie, Myrtle Howie, Pearl Talley, Lynn Martin, Flora Emmett, R. A. Emmett, Ivy North, K. North, Charm Johnson, W. P. Johnson, Lillian Van Riper, Neil Bremer, Fred Bremer, Stella Mang.

at the west hall of the I. O. O. F. building.

New England cooking will be featured at this affair. The dinner will be held from 5 o'clock, and all moneys derived from this will be used in patriotic work and the relief of Grand Army veterans.

At Moose hall, a dancing party will be given by the ladies of Sacred Heart church, which promises to be largely attended. The hall is being gaily bedecked for the occasion, the national colors being used, and several competent committees have all of the arrangements well in hand.

A luncheon will be served late in the evening. There will be a number of special dances on the program.

Men Chicago Chef Tried to Poison



Archbishop GEO. W. MUNDELEIN. X-MAYOR CARTER HARRISON CHICAGO. GOV. DUNNE ILLINOIS. ROGER C. SULLIVAN.

More than 100 men prominent in Chicago and Illinois were guests at the dinner given in honor of Archbishop Mundelein, the new prelate of the Catholic Church, in the University

Club of Chicago, last week. When many guests were taken sick it was discovered the assistant chef who had charge of the soup had lied. Poisons and chemicals were found in his

room. Governor Dunne, former Governor Deneen, former Mayor Harrison and Roger Sullivan were among the guests, but their soup did not contain sufficient arsenic to affect them. Nor was the new archbishop affected.

FREIGHT RATES TO WEED LOWER

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CUTS TARIFF ON COMMODITIES BETWEEN PORTLAND AND WEED—ONE TO TWENTY-ONE PER CENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—A list of freight reductions from Portland and other Oregon points to Weed, Calif., was issued Saturday by the Southern Pacific company.

The tariffs cover canned goods, condensed milk, packing house products, rope, paper, steel girders and steel pipe in carloads. The cuts vary from 1 to 21 per cent.

Makes Big Buy Along Route of Strahorn Ry.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—As the first step in a great campaign of real estate development in Central and Southern Oregon, C. D. Hillman, Seattle realty operator, has completed the purchase of 22,000 acres of land in Lake, Crook and Harney counties. He expects to buy 100,000 acres, according to his own statement at the Benson hotel this morning.

"The average price paid for the land was \$15 an acre," said Kay McKay of Seattle, who made the deal. "Mr. Hillman is operating entirely on a cash basis." This would make the total already

paid for lands by Mr. Hillman \$330,000, and his prospective investment in Oregon lands \$1,500,000 cash.

Of the land already purchased two-thirds is agricultural land and one-third is in timber.

Thirteen thousand acres have been obtained from the Hiram Goddard estate, through C. S. Botsford of Portland. Further transfer of Goddard holdings are under negotiation.

THREE MORE ARE NOW CANDIDATES

CHASTAIN TO BE OPPOSED BY BRANDENBURG — HAYDEN SEEKS ASSESSORSHIP, AND HAWKINS WOULD BE CLERK

Three more candidates came into the limelight today by filing their announcements of candidacy with the county clerk. Two seek clerkships, and the third would be assessor.

C. Austin Hayden, who was connected with the assessor's office for some time, is after the republican nomination, opposing Tipton and Peterson. He is well known throughout the county, as he attended school here, and it is predicted that he will make a very strong run, and will probably poll an especially heavy vote in Klamath Falls.

George Chastain, who is out for reelection on the democrat ticket as circuit court clerk, at last has opposition. Clyde K. Brandenburg today filed a petition for the republican nomination for this office. Brandenburg, in addition to residing in the

county many years, also became well acquainted through being postmaster here.

But E. Hawkins, a well known resident of the Pine Grove country, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for county clerk. He is assured a heavy vote from the country districts, say his supporters, and they also look for him to pick up a good support in the city.

GUNMEN CLASH ON PORTLAND STREETS

CHINAMEN PROCEED TO MIX IT UP WITH FIREARMS AT BUSY CORNER—ONE GOES TO HOSPITAL AS RESULT

(Herald Special Service)

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—Chinese gunmen clashed at the corner of Sixth and Everett streets at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

POISON HEARING PUT OFF AGAIN

PLEAS OF NOT GUILTY ARE ENTERED BY ACCUSED MEN, AND CASE WILL BE HEARD SATURDAY MORNING.

"Not guilty" was the plea entered this afternoon by John Chernokoff and Mike Pudoff, when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Gowen on charge of poisoning horses of other members of the Russian colony. They will be given a preliminary hearing Saturday forenoon.

The postponement was taken owing to the necessity of procuring an interpreter. Practically all of the witnesses are Muscovites, and many of them do not speak English.

Is Bound Over.

Joe Joseph, the jitneyman given a hearing Saturday on charge of bootlegging, was bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen. He is at liberty under bond.

MANY BILLS ARE PAID UP TODAY

RESULT OF FIRST DAY OF "PAY-UP WEEK" INDICATES THE UNIQUE AFFAIR WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS

Although "Pay-Up Week" has only started, there were payments of accounts at several stores today sufficiently large to make the week take on the appearance of a success. Other payments are expected in the next few days, not only by customers to stores, but by debtors to other creditors.

Wherever tried, the pay-up week idea has always proven successful, and it will soon be a practice all over the United States.

"BATTLE CRY" IS BEST EVER

CHEERS AND TEARS ARE PROFUSE AT BOTH EXHIBITIONS OF WONDERFUL MOTION PICTURE HERE

By far the greatest motion picture ever created was shown at the opera house yesterday, when "The Battle Cry of Peace," a nine reel Vitagraph was the program. It drew a good-sized audience in the afternoon, and packed the house at night until the "S. R. O." sign was hung out.

The marvellous scenes and the realistic acting portrayed in the film surpasses even "The Birth of a Nation" for gripping interest. Moreover, it deals with a present day question, not with an issue of fifty years ago, as does "The Clansman."

The facts regarding our unpreparedness, as driven home, impressed all. Many who opposed this issue are now converted. And in connection with this powerful sermon, there was a story, which for heart interest, is without an equal. There were incidents that caused waves of laughter; there were other scenes where floods of tears were evident all over the audience; there were also scenes where the patriotic blood in the veins of all present was thrilled to the utmost, and the closing display of Old Glory found every man and woman in the audience on their feet, loudly cheering and giving tumultuous applause.

The picture's wonderful realism was given admirable support by the Peerless Orchestra. Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Messrs. Borel, Mitchell Brennan, and Arnold handled the difficult score in faultless manner, and the spirit they instilled into their music had a wonderful effect upon the audi-

RECALL FACTION CALLING UP ITS CANDIDATES NOW

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PETITIONS EXPECTED SOON

Mayor Does Not Discuss the Recall, But Says the City Does Not Wish to Use the Prohibition Ordinance Unless It is Necessary Through Inactivity of the Proper Officials of the County.

Within a few days, say those behind the movement for the recall of Mayor Mason and four members of the council, the recall petitions will be in circulation. In the meantime, work of lining up candidates to oppose the officials at the recall election is under way.

It is understood that the recall election will be held in conjunction with the regular election, should the petitions be sufficiently signed. Just who the recall party candidates will be is not known as yet, although several names have been mentioned as possibilities.

Mayor Mason today would not discuss the proposed recall, but instead, he defended the ordinance regarding which there has been some comment. He says the liquor ordinance passed is not for the purpose of taking up the county's work, but to make it possible for the city to take action when the county officials will not do so.

"We do not want to see this if we can help it," said Mason. "We wish to work with the state on the matter of law enforcement, and wish to be empowered to use this authority only when the state does not investigate violations. Under the old regime, the police were powerless to take any action in the case of violations."

"The city will be glad to work in connection with the prosecuting attorney's office in every way in order to get the prohibition law enforced."

Mason states that the ordinance providing for the regulation of the fire department is practically the same as now in force in Ashland, with some added features regarding the inspection of buildings by the chief.

"There is nothing in the regulations as to conduct, morals, etc., but what is good for the men," said Mason.

Their work yesterday demonstrated that Klamath Falls has an orchestra fully as good as can be found in the large cities—an orchestra capable of getting the best of music out of any kind of a score or program.

Russians Moving a Legion Into Turkey

United Press Service ROME, Feb. 21.—Petrograd wires state that the Turks have evacuated Bitlis, in Armenia, southwest of Lake Van. Following the capture of Mush and Achlat late Saturday, the Russians have occupied the country around Lake Van.

A big Russian offensive into Galicia and Poland is predicted here.

Russian activities on Turkish soil are expected soon. The army of Grand Duke Nicholas, operating against the Turks, is being strengthened every day.

Journalist, who arrived this morning on the Chiyu Maru from the Orient. They say England is angered at Japan's movements in China.

United Press Service BERLIN, Feb. 21.—German aeroplanes bombed English points yesterday. At the same time others raided Furnes and Poperinghe, Belgium and Aims and Luneville, in France.

All returned unharmed. The British unsuccessfully attacked the German positions near Ypres yesterday.

United Press Service LONDON, Feb. 21.—Premier Asquith today introduced in the house of commons a new war credit bill, to raise over \$2,000,000,000. This makes England's expenditures for war over \$8,000,000,000.

According to estimates, the belligerents have spent over \$40,000,000,000 since the war began. Germany has spent \$2,500,000,000 and France \$7,500,000,000.

United Press Service SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Russia and Japan apparently want separate peace, and intend to join Germany after the war in a division of China, is the statement made by Newell Martin, an international law authority, and T. G. McDonald, Manila

Evangelist to Be Here Is Making Good at Medford

Word which has just been received from Medford indicates that Evangelist Frank Mathis (pronounced with the short "a") is being heard by multitudes at the Natatorium there each evening, and that greater seating capacity than the building originally contained had to be arranged soon after the meetings began. Bernard Vessey's trained choir of over 100 voices has made a decided hit. Mrs. Vessey acts as pianist.

"Yes, I have known him for the past fifteen or sixteen years," said Rev. E. C. Richards of Grace M. E. church last evening, when asked if he knew the evangelist personally. "I knew him back in Northwest Iowa before I came to Oregon. He is well and favorably known throughout the

entire Northwest Iowa Conference, of which I was a member, and during the past few years has conducted a series of meetings similar to the one we are soon to have in seventy-five different towns in the conference. In addition to that, he has held a second series in seven of those places. My brother Charles, who has a charge in that conference, has had him twice.

"Mr. Mathis is especially popular in his work among men. He is generally known as a 'man's man' wherever he works, and I recall that his meetings at Mapleton, Iowa, a town of about 1,500 people, last summer were the result of a petition by 100 men of that town asking him to come there. Those meetings resulted in several hundred conversions, and I believe as good results will be had here in Klamath Falls."