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AMERICA NOT TO SUFFER BY NEW WAR ZONE

GERMAN DIPLOMAT ASSERTS AMERICAN SHIPPING WILL NOT BE MOLESTED.

GERMAN CONVOY MAY BE DEMANDED FOR U. S. SHIPS

While Texts of Germany's Notes Have Not Yet Reached Washington, German Ambassador Assures America Her Shipping is Not to be Interfered With—Warning to Neutral Ships is Received.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Official texts of Germany's warning to neutral shipping issued Thursday, reached the state department this afternoon in a dispatch from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin. It shows a thirty mile strip along the coast of Holland by mistake was included in the war zone.

Washington, Feb. 6.—German Ambassador Von Bernstorff today issued a statement declaring that Germany does not intend to interfere with American commerce with her new blockade of England and France. Although he said he had not received instructions from his government regarding the admiralty's order extending the "war zone" Von Bernstorff declared Germany simply proposes to destroy all ships of the enemy.

"There is nothing in the new communication of February 4th in respect to the attitude of the German imperial navy towards the ships of neutral commerce," Von Bernstorff's statement said. "It is absurd to describe the proclamation as a paper blockade of the British Isles. The communication is simply a statement of what has been, since the beginning of the war, the attitude of all belligerent powers toward ships of the enemy."

Prior to this announcement by the German ambassador it was announced officially that the United States would not submit in silence to the order of Germany extending the war zone to the waters of England and France. Official intimations made this clear. The only information regarding the kaiser's intentions was a warning to neutral ships and not a notice of a blockade.

When the government secures authentic texts of the two German notes the government will seek adequate protection. If Germany does not offer convoys to American ships passing through the extended war zone, vigorous protests will undoubtedly be lodged by the administration.

Germany's Version Given.
Berlin, Feb. 6.—The government in an official memorandum today explained the proposed blockade of England, and declared England's continual violation of the rules of international law as a part of her program to starve out the Germans, compelled Germany to adopt drastic measures against the enemy.

FIRE DAMAGES RESIDENCE.

Fire Chief Asks That People Turning in Alarms Remain at Box.

The fire department was called out at midnight last night by a blaze in the Spiker residence on Fir and V streets. The fire was started by a hot stove and before the department could get the flames under control had completely gutted the kitchen and badly damaged another room. The total damage will probably reach \$400, which is partly covered by insurance.

Fire Chief Benham stated this morning that considerable confusion was sometimes caused by lack of co-operation on the part of parties who turn in box alarms. The chief asks that parties who turn in the alarm remain at the box until the truck arrives on the scene to direct the department to the scene of the fire, unless it is of such a nature that it can be easily located without any direction. This co-operation would be the means of saving valuable time in responding to fires and might be the means of avoiding damage that might otherwise result.

HORSES ARE SHIPPED EAST.

Twenty-four Carloads Include Union and Wallawa County Animals.

Twenty-four carloads of horses went through here last night bound for the eastern markets. Twenty-two of these came into this city from Walla Walla and intermediate points, one car being shipped out of La Grande, and another car load was brought down from Wallawa on the branch line passenger yesterday evening. The shipment included some 500 head.

LATEST BRIDE PICKED OUT FOR JUSTICE M'REYNOLDS.



Associate Justice McReynolds of the United States Supreme court has had another bride picked out for him by the Washington matchmakers. Since he is a bachelor, and one of the most eligible in the country, being the youngest member of the highest tribunal in the world, Capital society has been busy marrying him for the two years he has been in Washington. This time the bride-to-be is Miss Lucy Burleson, daughter of the postmaster-general.

The gleam of what appeared to be an engagement ring was seen on the

finger of Miss Burleson as she came out of a theatre the other evening with her arm through that of Mrs. Marshall, the wife of the vice-president. Members of the party asked Miss Burleson if her engagement was out at last, whereupon the young woman blushed and covered her confusion by laughing and thrust her hand into her muff. And now the report, often circulated and denied, that the postmaster-general's daughter, who is only twenty-one years old, and Justice McReynolds are engaged is accepted in Washington society.

FARMERS HEAR PAULL SCOLD

WELL KNOWN AUTHOR TALKS REAL CO-OPERATION.

Asserts Farmers Usually Consider Merchant a Foe—Imbler Audience Listens Closely.

Imbler, Feb. 6.—(Special).—Charles Paull spoke yesterday afternoon to a large gathering of farmers and the elder students of the high school. His address was primarily on "The Effects of the Rural Credits System of Australia," and was well given, and so well received that though the gentleman spoke for two full hours, even the school children were so interested that they remained for the last word.

He was introduced to the audience by E. S. Norris who said that when he first met the gentleman he had no idea that it was the "Charles Paull" whose works on Co-operation and organization he had been reading so carefully in days gone by; indeed to look at the man it hardly seemed possible that he could have written books that all the world read with care 15 or 16 years ago. But since he had the pleasure of talking at great length with Charles Paull he had realized that the gentleman was not quite as young as he looked and his knowledge of such matters only began where the average man left off. He said that he had come all the way to Imbler to hear the speaker at great inconvenience to himself because he felt it to be his duty to lose no opportunity of learning any new idea there might be in this all-absorbing subject, and he felt that not a moment of his time or theirs would be wasted that afternoon.

He began his address with a happy story that immediately commanded the attention of the crowd and he never lost it.

He told what wonderful results were being obtained in Australia by virtue of the help the system gave the struggling beginner, and how it was changing the very characteristics of the farmer in the Antipodes. He amused the audience by telling them that he had heard the subject discussed in an address lasting one hour and a half by a legislator from Washington, D. C., who became so hopelessly confused in his theme that when he was finished the audience knew less of the scheme than they

had known before the learned gentleman had started.

Mr. Paull treated the subject so concisely and made the intricacies so plain that even the youngest student present could have explained it when the lecture was finished. There is no misunderstanding Charles Paull when he starts out to tell anything, he makes the listener understand.

"The only way for the farmers in the United States to get such a system into this country is for them to co-operate," he said. "I do not mean by co-operating forming a number of small select and exclusive organizations working against one another like so many puppies tugging at a bone and creating an opening for some big strong dog to come along and gobble it up. I mean a big strong powerful, thorough organization or union of interests with all the merchants and professional men included."

"Some farmers in this part of the world seem to look upon the merchant as an enemy to be watched warily, whereas the merchant cannot exist without the assistance and good will of the farming element."

"Any merchant who has brains enough to work up and manage a good business has brains enough to know that if his customers are not prosperous neither can he be, and that the principal deterrent to trading is the power to purchase."

"Treat your merchant as a friend, not an enemy; tell him your troubles and solicit his assistance, and remember that the professional man is also interested in your welfare for the same personal reasons."

"There are only three vices which stand in the way of this much-to-be-desired consummation: Greed, Self-satisfaction, and Ignorance. Farmers are too much inclined to think every man is a rogue. They are too suspicious of even their own neighbors. If a farmer invests more than \$2 in any enterprise he wants to have the nomination of the board of directors and the appointment of the secretary-treasurer in his own hands. Why? Because he was stung once? Who has not been? Be a little broader in your views, learn to trust one another a little more, and the trust will be respected. Remember that the higher ideal of co-operation is not only your personal advancement, but that of every member of the organization, and more especially that of the struggling beginner."

He told some excellent stories of merit to illustrate the truth of his statements and the audience laughed so often it did not have time to be angry. Mr. Norris later moved a vote of thanks, and said that the points made were exactly those he

FRESH SUPPLIES OF ENGLISHMEN BOTHER KAISER

GERMAN PRESS CRIES FOR DESTRUCTION OF TRANS-PORTS IN CHANNEL.

ALMOST DAILY INFUX OF FRESH TROOPS REPORTED

Submarines Could Stop Importation of Troops into France Think German Press—Reported That Germans Lost 25 Wagons of Ammunition and Supplies When French Shell Train.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—Newspapers of Germany are almost universally demanding that German submarines be sent "to sink England's transports." Thousands of Britishers are rushed daily across the channel into France in preparation for the campaign which the allies expect to wage in the Spring. German spies have brought the information that fresh English regiments are being concentrated near Boulogne. The press demands that a flotilla of submarines be sent immediately into the channel to stop this movement of troops.

Ammunition Wagons Destroyed.
Paris, Feb. 6.—Twenty-five German ammunition supply wagons in the Woerwer region were shelled and destroyed by French artillery today, the war office announced. Elsewhere other French batteries dispersed other convoys of the enemy with considerable loss. Near Rheims a French shell struck a German observation balloon. The balloon collapsed and French aviators reported that three German officers who were observing, were killed.

The French have the advantage in the series of artillery exchanges that has been taking place in the region extending from Arras to Rheims, the war office statement declared.

PEOPLE'S STORE REMODELING

Carpenters at Work—Interior to be Changed and Tinted.

The People's store is undergoing a series of alterations, re-arranging of departments and re-tinting. Carpenters are at work and the process of renovation is at once noticed upon entering the store. Mr. Collier, in speaking of the new improvements, said today: "Modern business and improvements go hand in hand. A business that fails to see room for more improvement has passed its stage of progress. We believe there is always room to improve when it comes to serving the public properly. In re-arranging some of our departments we feel that we will be in a position to render quicker and better service to our customers."

Speaking further on the business outlook, he said: "We have all the faith and confidence in La Grande and its future. Hard times, no, nothing to it. Hard times is good excuse to lay down but the live ones face this imaginary bugaboo with more vigor than ever and the result is really 'good times' instead of hard times."

Vocational Women Meet.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—With registration and the reception of delegates the annual convention of the Vocational association of the Middle West opened here today at the La Salle Hotel. Many men and women prominent throughout the country as employers, educators, social workers, philanthropists and representatives of organized labor are in attendance and on the program to speak either at today's sessions or the sessions tomorrow. An inspection of exhibits and a luncheon concluded the morning sessions. Topics for this afternoon and some of the speakers were: "Indiana's Lesson," William H. Henderson, assistant professor of industrial education, University of Wisconsin; "The Working of the Wisconsin Law," "The Contribution of Massachusetts," "New York's Experience with Vocational Education," Arthur D. Dean of New York. A general discussion of the subjects was to be led by S. J. Vaughn, editor of the Industrial Arts Magazine, and Charles A. Bennett, editor Manual Training Magazine.

Michael J. Collins, president of the Chicago Board of Education, Charles H. Winslow, Washington, D. C.; Edwin G. Cooley, Dr. Ella Flagg Young, and Prof. Frederick W. Roman, of the University of Syracuse, were scheduled to speak at this evening's session.

had himself being impressing on the people for years. Mr. Paull left for Hot Lake on the 4:30 and all expressed a wish that he might come again.

FLOUR PRICES IN NORTHWEST GO UP

TWENTY TO FORTY CENT INCREASE TODAY.

Third Consecutive Daily Increase in Sugar Prices Has Reached La Grande; 15 Cents Added.

Portland, Feb. 6.—Flour prices in the Northwest took another material jump today when the price was advanced from 20 to 40 cents per barrel. Where the end will be is not even hinted at by big dealers, but the general supposition is that within a few weeks the size of bread loaves will be universally cut down.

Patent grades are now selling in Portland for \$7.20 per barrel. Some of the millers went beyond the 20-cent raise and added an advance of 40 cents to the barrel.

La Grande wholesalers have announced a rise in sugar of 15 cents per sack. This is the third consecutive daily advance felt in La Grande. It is claimed that the supply of refined sugar in this country is practically exhausted and that spirited bidding for the raw product is responsible for the sensational advance of the commodity.

WATER STILL BEING WASTED.

Water Superintendent Asserts Caution Will Prevent Pumping.

Enough water is flowing from Beaver Creek to normally supply the city, asserts Water Superintendent, L. M. Hoyt, but water users, alarmed lest they be again frozen up, let the water run at night, thereby wasting much. Because of this practice the water supply is curtailed and it will be necessary to pump river water again tonight. "Caution in the use of water will save the pumps," says Hoyt.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT FILED

VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED INQUISITORS.

Seven True Bills and None Not True Bills Returned by Jurors.

Pointing in detail to what it has done during the time it was in session, the February grand jury has filed its final report and has been excused for the present. The report says, in full:

To the Hon. J. W. Knowles, Circuit Judge: We, the undersigned grand jury for the February term of the Circuit court for Union county, State of Oregon, for 1915, beg leave to make and submit the following report of our doings for the first session of the February term, to-wit:

First, we have been in session five days, examined all witnesses brought before us, examined the different public offices, and returned into court seven true bills of indictment and no not true bills.

We find the county officials courteous and attentive to their duties so far as we are able to judge from meeting them in their respective offices, and find all offices neatly kept.

It appears to us that the recommendation of the June grand jury, 1914, has not been acted upon in the matter of supplying the sheriff's office with suitable shelving. We ask that this be attended to.

We recommend that the county court supply plenty of clean comforts and bedding for the Poor Farm, as that in use at the present time is much worn.

We recommend that steel beds be placed in the cages in the west side of the county jail.

We recommend at close of cold season that fire box liners and hot water coil pipes in the furnace at the court house be readjusted to conform to better heating conditions. That the boiler should be bricked in and the arches also to the north and east of the boiler. We believe that this will increase the heating efficiency and will make a material saving in the fuel bill.

We wish to thank the bailiff, district attorney, circuit judge and all the other officials for their courteous attention and assistance.

Having closed up all business brought to our attention, we respectfully request that we be allowed to adjourn until the further call of the court.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, February 5, 1915.

F. D. HAISTEN, Foreman.
W. E. BROWNELL,
G. H. ROLLINS,
C. B. HARTLEY,
G. M. GRAY,
W. M. KIRK,
B. F. WEBB,

Grand Jurors.

EDUCATORS OF PROMINENCE IN CONCLAVE HERE

FAULTS AND MERITS OF TEACHING SYSTEMS SET BEFORE EDUCATORS.

BUSINESS INTERMINGLED WITH LEARNED SPEECHES

Falling Off of Literary Efforts Bemoaned and Work of Parent-Teachers' Association Discussed at Length—One Speaker Wants Teachers to Get Out and Play With Children.

Men and women who rule the destinies of Eastern Oregon schools are assembled in La Grande today to help teach the teacher. Many valuable lessons were brought out in the speeches, and discussions.

J. F. Elton, of Baker, deplored the fact that seemingly literary societies have been forced into the background by athletics. He suggested that more careful study of English be given and that the purposes of a literary society be daily brought out in better work in the recitation room.

"There is no support," said Aubrey G. Smith, superintendent of schools at Union in discussing home credits, "to the plan of giving credit for work done in the homes. There is no place to call a halt, and eventually home study will usurp the high school function and, all in all, it is not a plan that meets with general favor."

Playgrounds proved a splendid topic for Superintendent A. C. Strange of the Baker schools. "Get the teachers out at recess to play with the children like they used to do in Olden times," admonished Mr. Strange.

That it requires service of coffee and doughnuts to keep Parent-Teachers' associations at full tilt was the expression of C. A. Montandon of Enterprise who discussed these associations. He said much good work was done but that it was hard to keep the interest up. He pointed to the real purpose as being to gain closer sympathy between the teacher and parent.

These speakers are on the morning program. This afternoon the audience is hearing some splendid discussions on various topics, and with the exception of W. J. K. Kauffman of Sumpter, all who were down for numbers on the program, will be heard before the day is over. "Dealing with the exceptional child" was the subject assigned Mr. Kauffman, and that theme will be discussed at some suitable time on the program by some one.

A short business meeting was called by President E. L. Coe of Joseph this morning but another will likely be held this afternoon to elect officers. H. H. Heuston of Elgin is vice-president and Prof. Prince of La Grande, is secretary of the association. At the morning session it was decided to pro rate the matter of expense for attendance upon the meetings.

The association was formed last year, and the keen interest displayed today makes it apparent that the future of the association is bright.

The program as outlined for today, follows:

"Literary Societies and Special Program," J. F. Elton, Baker City.
"Parent-Teachers' Meeting," C. A. Montandon, Enterprise; Mrs. Nellie G. Nell, La Grande.

"Play-Ground Supervision and Apparatus," Supt. A. C. Strange, Baker City.

"Inter-Scholastic Rhetorical Contests and Debates," Chas. E. Olson, La Grande; H. H. Heuston, Elgin.

"School Fairs," Roy Conklin, Wallawa; Royal Allen, Cove.
"The School as a Social Center," Supt. John Girdler, La Grande.

"How to Induce the Teacher to Call at the Home of the Pupil," Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, La Grande; J. A. Briggs, North Powder.

"Shall Credits be Allowed for Work Done Outside of School?" Aubrey G. Smith, Union; J. C. Conley, Enterprise.

APPLE SHIPMENT SOLD.

C. C. Coolidge Disposes of his Product in Texas to Good Advantage.

C. C. Coolidge, poultry raiser and orchardist, has returned from Texas where he spent considerable time selling two carloads of apples. He reports considerable success in his venture and fairly good prices were realized.