

DANES, SWEDS NORWEGIANS TO FILE A PROTEST

HOLLAND, AND POSSIBLE ITALY MAY EMULATE UNCLE SAM IN TRADE OBJECTIONS.

BERLIN SAYS NOTES HAVE MUDDLED MATTERS

Text of American Protest Forwarded To Kaiser at the Front and Chancellor Will Rush to Chief for Consultation—Denmark and Norwegians Object in Firm Tones.

Washington, Feb. 13.—It is learned that Norway, Sweden and Denmark have protested against Germany's latest decree extending the German war zone. The Scandinavian protest was couched in language less vigorous than the American protest but it is said to stand squarely behind the principle announced in the American note. It is understood that Holland, and probably Italy, will send a similar protest.

Berlin Sees Difficulty. Berlin, Feb. 13.—The German foreign office considers the American note regarding the extension of the German war zone has complicated the international situation. Officials admitted this. The Imperial chancellor considered with the foreign secretary today. He assumed in person that the American demand will greatly embarrass Germany and it will have to be subject to cabinet council.

It is understood the entire text of the message was forwarded to the kaiser at the eastern battle front. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will leave immediately for the front to confer with the kaiser.

Bryan is Warned. Washington, Feb. 13.—The government has been advised of possible unfavorable outcome of the test case to be made to the British prize court of the seizure of the American steamer Wilhelmina's cargo, destined for Germany in that it will bring retaliatory measures against England by Germany in which America may suffer commercially.

Ambassador von Bernstorff presented the warning to Secretary of State Bryan today. He declared the kaiser wouldn't tolerate England's plan to starve the German civilians and hinted American commerce might be shut off as a part of Germany's proposed course.

Detailed Flatcars Delay Traffic. A couple of flat cars in the logging train left the track at the Fir street crossing about 7:00 o'clock this morning, because of a defective switch, delaying traffic on the road for a half an hour or more. The branch line passenger was held up for a few minutes by the derailment. Some of the cars in the train were stopped on the crossing blocking traffic on that avenue so that it was necessary to make a wide detour to get across the tracks.

KAISER SPURS WARSAW DRIVE

WANTS CAPTURE OF THAT CITY NEXT WEEK.

Would Sacrifice All to Gain Point—Berlin is Jubilant.

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—Advices from Berlin say the kaiser has appealed to von Hindenburg to order a desperate dash on Warsaw next week and sacrifice everything if necessary to effect a capture. The reason is declared to be his desire to have the Reichstag vote a new war loan of a billion and a quarter. It is believed Warsaw's capture will sweep away all opposition.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Once more Germany is in the highest pitch of enthusiasm over victories by Von Hindenburg in the East. His success, Berlin says, is becoming more apparent daily and the Russian offensive in East Prussia has been crushed. The Slav forces which essayed to drive into Konigsberg and Thorn were expelled from the territory. Few details of the German victory are made public but it is estimated that 30,000 Russians have been captured. Many guns of enormous size, and quantities of supplies have been taken.

Senate Bill Would Abolish 2 Houses

LATEST PHOTO OF CARDINAL MERCIER.



This is the latest photograph of Cardinal Mercier, who remains at his work in Belgium despite all his difficulties with the German officers in control.

Salem, Feb. 13.—Senator Keliher has introduced a resolution providing for an amendment to be submitted to the people at the next special or general election which establishes a commission form of government for the state. It abolishes the legislature. The house today passed the bill requiring teachers to be not discriminated against in salary because of their sex. The bill has already passed the senate.

The senate adopted a motion to re-refer the prohibition measure to the committee on alcoholic liquor. Umick, a member of the committee, objected because of the words "or family" had been removed from the bill by the committee without his knowledge. When it passed the house the bill fixed the limit at two quarts of vinous or 24 quarts of malt liquor to be shipped in by any "person or family."

The house passed a bill transferring the juvenile court work in Multnomah county to the county court.

Charges Are Investigated.

Walla Walla, Feb. 13.—For the purpose of making an investigation of the charges that were preferred recently against Elbert M. Chandler, manager of the Burbank irrigation project, F. C. Struve and H. Hobart Porter, of Hobart & Porter, New York City, arrived at Burbank yesterday, and expect to spend some time at that point. The charges of the land owners were prepared in the form of a written protest and were carried to the New York firm by S. B. L. Penrose, who represented the property owners.

The investigation of the charges probably will occupy a week or more, as the land owners specified a large number of instances wherein Mr. Chandler is alleged to have failed to look to the best interests of the people of that section of the county. It is probable that the findings of Messrs. Struve and Porter will be submitted in a report to the head company.

MANN AND SMITH FOUND GUILTY

Failing to uphold their contention that two other men had sold to them the bedding, towels, etc., which they later sold to a North Side rooming house, and which was there identified as the property of "Tap" Thomas, Harry Mann and Jack Smith were yesterday evening found guilty of the charge of robbing the park lodge.

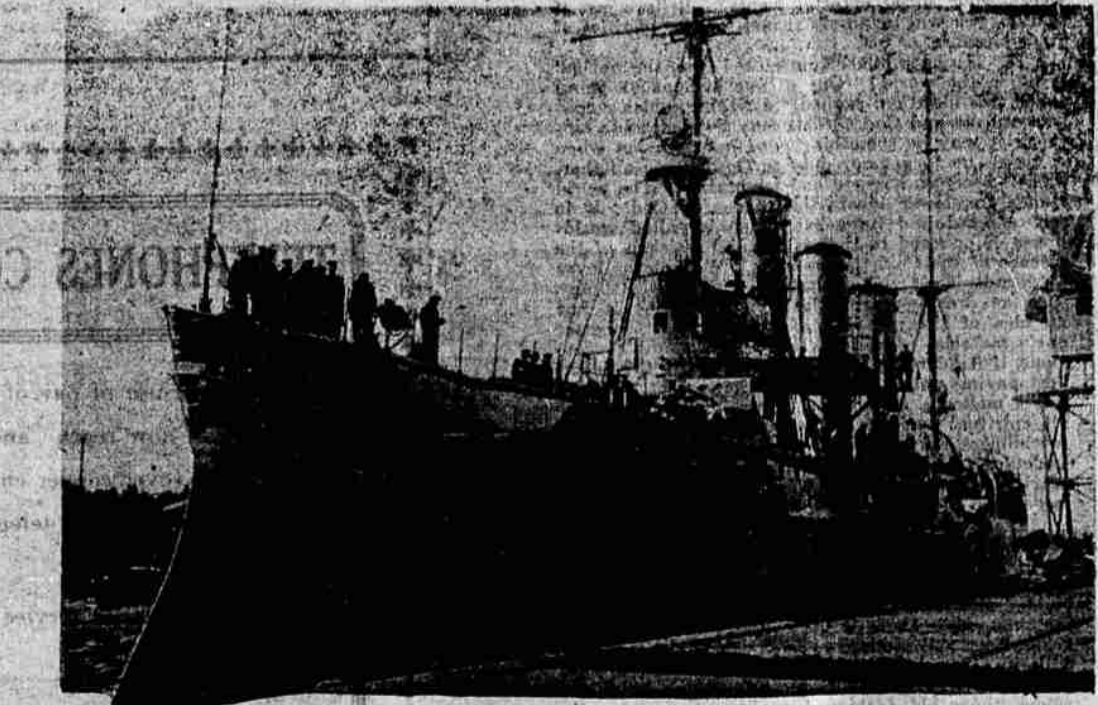
The charge on which these two men were found guilty was one of the most startling cases of wholesale burglary ever recorded in this city. The park lodge occupied by "Tap" Thomas and wife, care-takers of the city park, was entered during the absence of these people along about the Christmas holidays. On their return they found that practically every movable article contained in the house

had been taken. A clew to the perpetrators was only found when Mann sold some of the stolen property to rooming house.

Sentence will be passed on Mann and Smith Monday morning by Circuit Judge Knowles.

Charged with stealing a horse, saddle and bridle, George Nelson, of Union, was tried in Circuit court this morning. The crime is alleged to have been committed in Union last January. Nelson taking the animal from a hitching rack in that city and riding it to La Grande, turning the horse loose at the fair grounds and bringing the bridle and saddle into town where he borrowed some money on the saddle.

GERMAN RAIDER KOENIGSBERG SUNK WHEN AIRSHIP FOUND HER HIDING.



The dramatic story of the sinking of the German raider Koenigsberg, on the coast of East Africa, has just been told by Captain Willott of the British merchant ship Newbridge.

The Koenigsberg, which was a light cruiser of about the same class as the Emden, Dresden, and Karlsruhe, mounting only 4.1-inch guns, was in company with a smaller German ship when chased by the British squadron, which included, it is believed, several armored cruisers of the County class.

The smaller ship was sunk, but the Koenigsberg succeeded in getting behind the Mafia Islands and some distance up the river, where she was completely screened by the bend of the river, and where the British heavier draft ships could not follow her. They also, it appears, landed a detachment who mounted some light guns on the bank as a defense against attack by a British boat expedition. The British, however, contented themselves with bottling up the

S. P. ORDERED TO LET GO OF STEAMER STOCK

SIXTY DAYS GIVEN TO UNLOAD PACIFIC MAIL STEAMER CONNECTIONS AND STOCK.

PANAMA ACT FORBIDS THAT WHICH S. P. IS NOW DOING

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Immediate Dissolution of Southern Pacific and Pacific Mail Line Steamers—Potential Possibilities to Frustrate Competition.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The Southern Pacific railroad must dispose of its holdings in the Pacific Mail Steamship company unless operations of vessels of that steamship company through the Panama canal be stopped within 60 days. This was the decision of the Interstate Commerce commission today.

The commission held that the operation of the vessels through the canal made the Southern Pacific holdings in the line illegal under the law.

Under the canal act a steam carrier cannot lawfully hold stock in a steamship line operating through the canal which may be a possible competitor to the steam carrier. The commission ruled there are potential possibilities that competition between the Pacific Mail and the Southern Pacific, particularly from San Francisco, would be impaired.

His case went to the jury at 10 o'clock this morning.

In the case of Leslie J. Aker vs. Lloyd E. Burbridge, the jury yesterday evening returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Hay Hard to Get.

The hay market yet remains tight in the vicinity of Union, growers holding on until it is determined whether we are to have an early spring or the reverse, says the Union Republican. As soon as it is certain that there is to be an early spring, it is thought much hay will be turned loose at a figure below the present prices. At present the price of hay is high, with little being sold.

Lumber Salesman Goes East. Vincent Palmer, manager of the Geo. Palmer Lumber company, left last night for St. Louis, Chicago and other eastern cities on business connected with the lumber industry.

Attorney Crawford Home.

T. H. Crawford, who has been looking after legal business in Portland, returned home this morning.

OIL MAGNATE BEING HELD FOR RAMSON?



New York, Feb. 13.—Detectives searching for Henry C. Coe, Jr., a former New Yorker and now Boston representative of the Standard Oil company, who has mysteriously disappeared, said they felt he had been murdered or was being held for ransom.

At the Coe home, 1200 Commonwealth avenue, Allston, Mrs. Coe is prostrated. She was Helen Ainslee, daughter of A. Allen Ainslee, former proprietor of the Hotel Lenox and several other large hotels scattered throughout the country.

She is in a delicate condition, and grave fears are entertained that her husband's disappearance may result seriously.

Police and operatives from the Burns detective agency are hunting for Coe, who is twenty-three years old.

Coe left his home in Allston on Saturday morning Jan. 30 to meet General Manager Wilkinson of the Standard Oil company. He was to be told that he had been promoted and that his sales territory had been extended to take in more important ground.

When he left home he was in a most cheerful state of mind. He had with him \$100 in cash and wore a three-stone diamond ring valued at \$300 and an amethyst scarfpin. He boarded a trolley car near his home bound downtown. Where he left the

COLT SHOW AT IMBLER DRAWS MANY VISITORS

HALF-HUNDRED CLASSY COLTS OF THIS VALLEY PUT INTO THE SHOW RING.

GOOD WEATHER HELPS TO SWELL THE ATTENDANCE

Judging Going on This Afternoon. With Prof. Kennedy Doing the Work Day Proves Big Success from Every Viewpoint—Present Year's Crop of Colts Draw Admiration.

Imbler, Feb. 13.—An even half-hundred colts, the owners of which claim for them distinction, and which, it must be admitted, conclusively prove that the coming crop of horses in the Grande Ronde valley will be superior to former "yields," were put through the show ring this afternoon in conjunction with Imbler's colt show. The festivities officially bring to a close the farm school week and hundreds of persons from all parts of the valley, but more particularly Summerville and Alice, spent the day in Imbler.

The judging was commenced by Prof. Kennedy this afternoon with a big crowd looking on. Suitable prizes have been prepared, and as soon as the winners are announced, these will be distributed. The prizes include valuable loving cups from various concerns and individuals.

The crowds made the best of the beautiful weather that prevailed, and the little town has been filled all day.

The quality of the colts shown in the ring was first class, and the experts here for farm week marveled at the product and style of the show stuff.

car or when is not known, though he was seen on the car by acquaintances.

COMPROMISE BILL IN.

Limited Debate to be Given to the New Ship Purchase Measure.

Washington, Feb. 13.—A compromise bill was launched in the house by Chairman Padgett of the house naval committee, today. It carried a rule limiting consideration to six hours next week.

CHINESE TONGS SLAY.

Vancouver, B. C., is Scene of Chinese Killings This Morning.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 13.—Resulting from a tong war, Chin Hain and Chin Gong, two members of the Hip Sings, were shot and killed this morning. The alleged slayer, Chin Guoack, broke his neck and died when he leaped from a second story window with the friends of the murdered Chinese in pursuit. Three other Chinese were injured by the tong slayer.

Church Peace Union to Celebrate.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Every church in the United States which is a member of the Church Peace Union will celebrate tomorrow the centenary of the ratification of the Treaty of Ghent.

MERCHANTS READY TO ATTEND PORTLAND CONCLAVE MONDAY

Tomorrow evening a delegation of La Grande businessmen leaves for Portland to attend the State Merchants convention and be present at various other conventions, slated for the metropolis next week.

With the arrival of the crowd in Portland it is expected that every moment of the time will be filled with program attractions during the lifetime of the convention, for which a great deal of preparation has been made by Portland merchants. The group leaves in a body tomorrow evening and will return after the convention individually, rather than in a crowd.

La Grande's representation is prone to occupy a prominent place in the state convention in view of the splendid representation the city has had in recent state conventions, and in view of the further fact that the merchants were so much taken up with the treatment given them a year ago in this city.

While some are still debating the trip, those who have signed up to

date are Fred J. Holmes, E. Polack, C. A. Small, Myrton Kiddle, Clyde Kiddle, J. D. McKennon, T. J. Scroggin, Fred Dutli, George W. Gilbert, C. C. Penington, F. L. Myers, S. R. Haworth and J. G. Snodgrass.

ENJOYS NIGHTCAP, BUT—

Cleveland, Feb. 13.—Fighting the devil with fire is the idea of Rev. A. S. Gregg, secretary of the American Civic Reform League, and a widely known prohibitionist. Mr. Gregg figures that a morning eye-opener and a night cap are perfectly permissible—but the drink's the thing. So he has invented a brew, which he says will do the work. Its ingredients are honey, lemon juice, spring water, capsaicum, tea—for that bracing effect—and oil of peppermint.