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UNCLE SAM IN TICKLISH DILEMMA

BRITAINS ARE PREPARED FOR GERMAN RAIDS

GERMANY'S ANSWER EXPECTED THIS EVENING AND COM-PROMISE UNLIKELY.

GOVERNMENT ADMITTEDLY IN A SERIOUS POSITION

England Will Not Announce Her Plans but It is Believed That Lines of Submarines Will Guard Shipping Industry—Expected Germans Will Strike Hard From the First.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Between fires of England's determination to starve the Germans into submission, and Germany's resentment of such tactics, the American government is admittedly troubled as to what will be the answer of the two belligerents to the recent American protests. It is expected Germany's answer to the American demands will be received before night. The prospect for a favorable or even a compromise reply are considered slight. Nothing has been heard from the British foreign office in reply to the protest regarding the use of neutral flags.

Administration officials are convinced that England won't relent her plan to starve Germany, and that Germany won't drop her intention to annihilate commerce in the extended war zone. Between the two, American commerce must suffer, and the possibility of destruction of American vessels and the loss of American lives must be considered.

British Navy ready

London, Feb. 17.—The British navy is ready to meet Germany's submarine raids, which are slated to commence tomorrow. Only the admiralty knows what the plans are. Escorts, it is believed, will be provided for British merchant fleet and the majority of the sailing will proceed on schedule time, with a flotilla of destroyers and torpedo boats assigned to duty along the lanes. It is believed Germans will attempt to strike hard at the outset to terrify shipowners, and keep English vessels in port.

The sinking of the Dulwich was accomplished as the opening of the German campaign.

Dulwich Survivors Picked Up.

Havre, Feb. 17.—Twenty-two members of the crew of the British collier Dulwich were picked up by the French destroyer after the ship had been sunk by a German submarine Tuesday. They have landed here. Seven reached Fecamp and two are missing. The crew said Germans gave them 20 minutes to take to small boats and then torpedoed the collier.

California Orange Show.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Southern California's annual orange and citrus products show opened here today. Exhibits from various orange growing sections of California were entered in prize competitions. Thousands of visitors were expected here during the eight days of the show.

CHINESE MAN AND NEGRO LADY BATTLE WITH CLUBS AND PIPE

The situation in the world war was considerably complicated locally yesterday when China and Africa entered the conflict in a pitched battle at the rear of the Noodle Grill on Fir street which lasted for a furious ten minutes in a continuous bombardment with heavy artillery, both sides drawing blood. The casualties, when the smoke of battle had cleared away showed no dead, but two wounded.

Jim Livermore, up to yesterday part owner of the grill, led, fought, bled, and all but died in the interest of the Chinese, against the colored race whose cause was ably championed by a Mrs. Withers, who has before this time figured in police court history.

According to conservative estimates colored races scored a decisive victory in yesterday's battle and would have come through the controversy with all of the laurels had not the Caucasian race in the person of Chief of Police Oral taken a hand in the name of peace and humanity and conveyed the belligerents into a prize

WAR BULLETINS

Berlin, Feb. 17.—More than 50,000 prisoners, 50 cannons, 80 machine guns, and enormous amounts of materials are prizes of Von Hindenburg's latest drive in East Prussia, the war office has announced. Russians are crushingly defeated and the ground over which the Russians are retreating is covered with dead and wounded. The most of the latter are undoubtedly doomed to die as they have been abandoned by their comrades and the weather is extremely cold. When it is not cold, it is raining.

RUSH WINNER IN UNION CASE

JURY AWARDS HIM WHOLE AMOUNT SOUGHT

Especially Questions Answered by Jury Along with Verdict.

Finding that G. H. Rush, a La Grande contractor, is entitled to \$2020.23 (the sum sued for) and interest on same from September 9th, 1911, until the present time as payment for extra work done on the new high school building at Union in 1911, in accordance with direction of the school district's architect, as provided in the contract, and that when the extra labor was ordered by the architect, the school district at the time had on hand a sufficient amount of money from the proceeds of the bond sale of \$50,000 to pay for the extra labor, the jury which heard the evidence in the Rush-Union School district suit tried in circuit court this week, brought in a verdict in favor of Mr. Rush, last night. The school district claimed that certain contracts for heating plant, attorneys fees, and other expenses properly chargeable to the building fund, had so exhausted the proceeds from the bonds, that they did not have sufficient money left at the time the extras were ordered by the architect to pay for the same. Three elections were called to vote upon the proposition of paying the contractor for the extras, but each time the legal voters of the district rejected the proposition.

Judge Knowles on his own initiative asked the jury to find answers to certain questions propounded by him in addition to finding a general verdict for the plaintiff or defendant. These questions included the question of whether or not there were funds on hand at the time the extra work was ordered by the contract to pay for the same. The answer was "yes."

Another was to establish whether or not the contract with the plumber was entered into subsequent to the extra work contract, or not. The answer was "subsequent." Several others with bearing on the case were asked and all answered favorably to the plaintiff.

Workmanship Not An Issue

At no time did the question arise as to whether or not the work had been done—this being conceded—or was anything alleged to be wrong with the workmanship as executed by Contractor Rush. These were not at issue in court and the question hinged on the points already noted.

Observe Child Welfare Day.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—Today was "child welfare day" in Oregon by proclamation of Governor Withers. A number of meetings were held throughout the state at which the interests of children were discussed.

LENT OPENS WITH SPECIAL SERVICES

CHURCH-GOERS OBSERVE ASH WEDNESDAY.

Rigid Adherence to Canons of Various Churches is to Be the Order for Many Congregations.

Commencing with Ash Wednesday services similar to those celebrated throughout the Christian world today, La Grande churches—more especially those that lay more than passing stress on Lent—will observe the sacred and holy period in the Christian year which commences today. The period of fasting is at hand and many of the churches are prepared to carry out a special religious program in addition to being observing of the church canons of physical fasting. The Lutheran church congregations will worship with a series of addresses by Rev. Drann commencing tonight. Each Sunday during Lent these addresses will be continued, and the congregation will lay stress on observance of Lenten regulations.

The Catholic church congregations began the Lenten worship this morning at 8 o'clock by observing the service of distribution of the ashes, and this will be repeated at 7:30 this evening. Each Wednesday during Lent a series of lectures will be delivered by Father Driscoll and each Friday evening the ceremony of devotion of stations of the cross will be exemplified.

Rev. Upton H. Gibbs has a series of special meetings for Lent. These commenced this morning at 10 o'clock and will be repeated tonight at 7:30 and each Wednesday at 4 p. m. and Friday at 7:30 p. m. hereafter during Lent.

The class in liturgies will meet in St. Peter's church tomorrow evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is given by Rev. U. H. Gibbs to any one who would like to join.

New Viceroy of Ireland.

Dublin, Ireland, Feb. 17.—Lord Wimborne today succeeded the Earl of Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The new viceroy is a cousin of Winston Churchill.

Coffey vs. Sullivan Meet.

New York, Feb. 17.—Jim Coffey and Jack (Twin) Sullivan were to meet tonight in a ten round bout at Gib's club, Benny Leonard and Patsy Cline, Harlem lightweights, will mix in the preliminary scrap.

NEW YORK CENTRAL AND ENGINEER GET MEDALS.



A. H. SMITH, NEW YORK CENTRAL.

Dennis Joseph Cassin, an aged engineer of the New York Central Railroad, and A. H. Smith, the president of the company, have been awarded medals by the American Museum of Safety in recognition of their efforts to protect life in 1914. The E. H. Harriman medal was established a few years ago by Mrs. Harriman in memory of the biggest railroad man the country has produced. President Smith received the gold medal for the road, while a silver medal was given the operating department. Then the bronze medal went to Mr. Cassin, who entered the service of the road in 1867. For many years he operated the engines on the "Empire" and other fast trains without accident. He attained the age of seventy Sept. 1, 1914 and was retired by the board of pensions. President Smith says of him: "We feel that his many years of

Felice Lyne, World-Known Artist, May Come to La Grande to Sing

Winner of Plaudits in Many Nations of the Globe Signs Tentative Contract with La Grande People.



Miss Felice Lyne.

Steps, that if successful, will bring to La Grande the rare musical treat of Miss Felice Lyne, recognized as one of the foremost sopranos of today, were inaugurated last evening when the Chautauqua association closed a tentative contract with Miss Lyne's manager represented by Mrs. F. E. Moore of Portland. He could

not be here in person and Mrs. Moore has been assigned power to proceed with the managerial end of the proposed visit. But one possibility of failure stands in the way, namely a proposed concert in Salt Lake, and if that event is brought to the culmination...

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LONG FAST ENDS IN DEATH OF ROTH

FIFTY-NINE DAY RECORD IS CAUSE OF DEATH.

In Dying Statement Man Donates Corps to Science but Emaciated Condition Procludes use of it.

Palo Alto, Feb. 17.—Louis G. Roth, who broke his fast Monday after abstaining from food for 59 days, breaking all known records, died last night. He began fasting on account of stomach complaint. His weight was 145 when he began and was 75 when he died.

With his dying breath he expressed the wish that the body be given to Stanford university for scientific purposes. It won't be done, as doctors say Roth was so emaciated that there is scarcely anything left of the body to aid science.

COMPENSATION BOARD DYING

FERN HOBBS' FANCY JOB LOSING GROUND.

If House Concurs, Industrial Accident Commission Will Die.

Salem, Feb. 17.—The senate has passed Representative Scheibel's Workmen's Compensation bill with amendments, abolishing the present Industrial Accident commission and providing for the appointment of one commissioner by the governor. The emergency clause is attached. If the house concurs Fern Hobbs loses her job. The amendment provides the law to be administered by one commissioner instead of three. The house adjourned at 11:10 after passing 10 unimportant bills and killing two by roll call, and indefinitely postponing six others.

The state highway commission requested the resignation of State Highway Engineer Sowby. According to the governor, Sowby is the center of opposition to good roads legislation at this session and that nothing can be accomplished unless he is removed.

Fifty Men Entombed.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 17.—Fifty men were entombed late this afternoon as the result of a gas explosion in prospect colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company. One dead body and nine injured men have already been removed.

SWAMP LANDS HIDE RICHES THINKS EXPERT

AUSTRALIAN PICTURES RESULTS OBTAINED IN HIS NATIVE LAND.

MARVELOUS RICHES LIE DORMANT IN ALL SWAMPS

Writer Pictures Approximate Amount of Money Needed, and Points Out Some of the Returns from Drainage and Reclamation of Grande Ronde Valley's Swamplands Scientifically.

Hot Lake, Feb. 17.—(To the Editor).—I have received your kind note and thank you for it. I see by it that you would have me write you two articles; one on what I see within the confines of the Sanatorium, and one on what I see through its walls of glass.

As both are very difficult subjects on which to write, I thank you for the delicately implied compliment, and though I do not pretend that I shall be able to do justice to either subject I will do what I can in the limited time at my disposal and will beg the readers of "The Observer" to be a little lenient in passing judgment on me, as the subjects are somewhat foreign to my pen, which is so liable to stumble even on its own stamping ground.

The logical thing to do would be to write on what I see within the establishment first, and on what I see without afterwards, but like every other statistician I love to be illogical; it gives the critic a chance to show his superior wisdom. What should we do without the critic? We could not get along without him at all. This is not a matter open to dispute. If you think it is ask the critic. He will tell you, and he knows every thing. That is what he is paid for—for knowing. Therefore if we must have him, as it seems me must, it is essential that we keep in his good graces. And what critic likes a man who does not give him something to criticize? How would he live if we never made an opening for him? I do not want him for my enemy, or he will show my readers that what I write is not worth reading, and even if he is right, that would not help me to live or the Observer to get more subscriptions. I hope that I have shown that I am justified in not being logical. And all that is something I learned outside the sanatorium, though I did not see it through glass walls, or even in the bottom of a drinking glass. As I sit in my comfortable, well-padded rocking chair, for the use of which all the world owes America a vote of thanks, and look across the valley which stretches before me, basking at this moment in a flood of gentle sunshine, and giving back to the world iridescent sparkles from the many lakes which adorn its face, whilst marring its usefulness and suggesting to the initiated vast clouds of mosquitoes on a summer evening and apparently about as thick as the air.

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MARSHFIELD BOARDING HOUSE FIRE CREMATES 7; INJURES 10

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 17.—Fire which destroyed the Smith Lumber company boarding house early today caused the death of seven and seriously injured 10 others; a number of the injured are in a precarious condition.

Forty-five were lodged in the house all of them being connected with the company. The building burned rapidly. A. A. Craig, an invalid and the father of the proprietor, suffocated in his room but the body was saved. Six other bodies, horribly burned, were recovered afterwards. Five of these are Louis Kalinowsky, William Glover, W. Ward, Louis Teppas, Sidney Lewis, millworkers. The sixth is burned beyond recognition.

Byron Craig, son of the proprietor, was terribly burned and is expected to die. Fireman Max Kruger was seriously burned in effecting daring rescues. Benjamin Olson, a boarder, leaped from a third story window and was seriously hurt.

Licensed to Wed.

Licent to wed was issued this morning to Mark A. Turner and Miss Lizzie Newman.

WEDDING A MYTH

Alleged Jokester Perpetrates Wedding Upon Unsuspecting Girl

Information published yesterday to the effect that Guy Patton of Elgin and Miss Jane Hathorn of this city had been married yesterday, is denied by Miss Hathorn today. The information was telephoned to the Observer at the noon hour and accepted in good faith the informant shielding himself behind the statement that he did not know what official or minister had performed the marriage. Miss Hathorn returned from Elgin last evening where she had gone to visit relatives, and vehemently denies that she is married, and like the Observer, resents most bitterly the underhanded methods employed by the individual who gave out the information. The Observer does not know who it was. Any newspaper is continually face to face with similar crude schemes of alleged jokesters, and despite the most careful guard against misinformation, a few, like this particular individual, succeed.



DENNIS J. CASSIN, WINNER HARRIMAN MEDAL.



EDWARD HARRIMAN MEDAL.

successful and careful service stand out as a remarkable example, the recognition of which should be an inspiration and stimulus in furthering the safety spirit in the minds of all employees.