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UNCLE SAM MAY STARVE ALL BELLIGERENTS

HINTED SUCH A POLICY WOULD END BLOCKADE

BOTH ALLIES AND GERMANY MAY BE BROUGHT TO THEIR KNEES THIS WAY

HINTS, BACKED WITH A STRONG RUMOR, HEARD

Embargo on All Foodstuffs to All Belligerents Would End the Blockade. It is Believed—When Germany and England Would Consent to Uncle Sam's Demands Embargo Would be Lifted.

Washington, Feb. 25.—That the United States government may summon hunger as its ally to bring England and Germany to their knees in the situation which has caused the German submarine warfare on American commerce, and has threatened American commerce, is an unconfirmed hint heard in official circles.

Those standing sponsor for the suggestion declare the president may establish an air-tight embargo on exportation of foodstuffs to either Germany or the allies, unless all involved in the dispute over the right to receive foodstuffs for civilians agree to the demands made this government. Prominent men are urging President Wilson to take such action.

London, Feb. 25.—The British steamer Deptford was sunk off Scarborough today. Whether it struck a mine or was torpedoed by a German submarine, isn't known. One member of the crew was drowned, but the others landed in safety. The British steamer Western Coast was sunk by a German mine or torpedoed off Beachy head yesterday, it is learned. The crew and passengers are reported to have landed at Portsmouth.

Eleven Ships Missing. London, Feb. 25.—Eleven steamers are known to have met disaster since the German submarine campaign began. They were either torpedoed or struck by floating mines. At least three vessels are missing. The German government officially declares one British transport was sunk.

MOTHER'S LOVE WINNING. Mrs. Connors of Baker May Yet Get Erring Son to Her Side.

With the reported decision of Herman Rothchild of North Powder to not prosecute Charles Connors, a Baker youth of wayward tendencies it has become probable that the young man may yet be returned to his mother's side. Mr. Rothchild is the man who lost by Connors' bad check deals, and as county officials have been impressed with the mother's pleas for leniency once more, and Mr. Rothchild will likely not prosecute, it would not be surprising if the young man was allowed another chance to make good. He is out on parole from the penitentiary. His mother returned to her home last evening.

CAPLAN TAKEN AWAY QUIETLY

BURNS FEARS ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE IS REPORT.

Prisoner Put in Launch at Port Orchard and Taken to Train.

Seattle, Feb. 25.—Because of a rumored attempt at rescue, Dave Caplan, charged with murder in connection with the Los Angeles Times dynamiting, away from the jail at Port Orchard. It is believed he was brought to Seattle in a launch and put on a train bound for Los Angeles. Prosecuting Attorney Beck of Los Angeles accompanied the party. Extrajudicial had been granted by the governor of Washington.

Motion Day Tomorrow. Circuit court is not in session, and Judge Knowles is working on cases taken under advisement. Tomorrow the weekly motion day will occupy the court's attention.

WOOD MENU CARDS.

Among the many unique features of the "made at home" banquet to be staged by the commercial club early in March, none will be more so than the menu cards. The George Palmer Lumber company, one of the county's biggest industries, will shape a menu card from Union county timber. Upon this card of perfect-grained wood will be printed the menu and announcements.

Since the date has been postponed until the first week in March, club directors and committees find more time to prepare oddities for the dinner, and it has already become evident that a \$1.50 or \$2.00 banquet will be set before the diners for a nominal fee of 50 or 75 cents. Manufacturers and dealers are keenly interested in seeing the banquet become a genuine success and a great deal of support is forthcoming.

RECORDER'S OFFICE STAYS

RUMORS OF EMERGENCY CLAUSE UNGROUNDED

Proctor Will Retain His Office Until Term Expires.

Excitement broke loose in county circles today when a Portland paper ran a story from Salem saying Governor Withycombe had signed the Woodell bill abolishing the office of county recorder in Union county, and that the emergency clause was attached. Had it been the office would have been out of commission right now and County Clerk Wright would have had a whole department of the county thrown upon him without notice or warning.

But the alarm has proven to be groundless. Hon. James Woodell, county representative from this county, returned this morning from Salem. In a telephone interview at his ranch he said there was no amendment to the bill in the House and that the bill did not come back to the House from the senate with amendments. "As the bill was passed it does not effect County Recorder Proctor at all," said Mr. Woodell. "It becomes effective only at the time Mr. Proctor's term expires, and of course, there will be no election for that office two years hence."

PASSPORTS TO FORM A BASIS FOR HEARINGS

SECRETARY BRYAN WILL BE ASKED TO LOOK INTO ALLEGED FRAUDS.

GERMAN SPIES SAID TO BE SEEKING PASSPORTS

Prominent Attache to German Embassy is accused, and Because of That Fact Federal Department Cannot Properly Investigate Charges—Legal Tangle is Knotty One.

New York, Feb. 25.—Local federal officials who are investigating the passport frauds which resulted in the arrest of Richard Stegler and Gustave Cook and charge that Germans conspired to obtain false passports for use by spies, let it be known today they will ask officials at Washington to investigate the alleged connection of Captain R. Boy-ed with the case. Boy-ed is a German naval attache and is charged by Stegler with arranging for fraudulent passports with which Stegler was furnished for a trip to England. The New York officials are unable to investigate the case properly because of his official capacity with the German embassy. They believe Secretary Bryan, if he finds a basis for the charges, should demand the attache's recall.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 25.—Park Commissioner William T. T. Dust is facing the most serious problem of his long career as a public official here. The problem was presented by receipt of the following postal card note: "Dear Stork, 'Belle Isle. Please bring me a five-pound baby sister. Don't forget, for I am lonesome. Catherine." It's up to the park commissioner, who has jurisdiction over the Belle Isle zoo either to meet the request or explain why it can't be done.

YOUNGEST SOLDIER IN FRENCH ARTILLERY IS GREAT FAVORITE IN ALLIES' FIGHTING LINE.



THIS YOUNG LAD, BARELY IN HIS "TEENS" IS A FULL-FLEDGED-ARTILLERYMAN. HE IS WITH THE FRENCH FIGHTING LINE AND IS A PRIME FAVORITE WITH HIS OLDER AND HARDIER BROTHER-WARRIORS.

WAR BULLETINS

Berlin, Feb. 25.—Russian reserves stormed the fortress at Przashynax and took more than 10,000 prisoners according to an official statement. The statement says the Germans hurried themselves against the fortress and took it by storm. Five thousand Russians were captured in the vicinity of Novo. The statement also admitted the Russians occupied Nogly, south-east of Bulymow.

Petrograd, Feb. 25.—A great battle is raging east and south of Zlatitslau and in the eastern Carpathians. Meager dispatches say it overshadows the developments in Poland. Austria is reported to have massed a great army and will attempt to cross the Dneister at Halitz in an effort to reach Lemberg. Advice indicates the Russians are retreating upon Halitz for strategic purposes.

Athens, Feb. 25.—Constantinople is expecting an attack by the allies and is preparing to meet it according to dispatches from the Turkish capital. All records of the government and crown jewels have been removed to interior Turkey. Leading families of the capital are arranging to flee. The great alarm there is due to the report that Russians are about to cross the Black sea for an invasion of Turkey with the object of delivering a crushing blow against Constantinople.

Paris, Feb. 25.—French aviators yesterday rained 60 bombs on the railway station at Champagne where the German troops were concentrating, according to an official statement. The trains were shelled and in the confusion that followed the Germans did not attempt to recover the lost ground. Artillery duels are in progress at numerous points it is stated.

OREGON WOMEN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT IN HAWAII

Hilo, Hawaii, Feb. 25.—An automobile carrying passengers from the steamer Great Northern which is making its maiden trip to Killuea volcano, skidded off the grade yesterday evening instantly killing Mrs. M. F. Rule, Mrs. Miles Bell, of Portland, and a native driver.

Victim Oregon Pioneer. Portland, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Bell, aged 62, was a pioneer of Oregon. Mrs. Rule, was a widow, aged 50, and was secretary to Albert H. Cousins, district fiscal agent for the forest service.

TAX MONEY COMING. Small but Continuous Stream of Dollars Comes to Collectors. The tax collecting department of the sheriff's office and County Treasurer Frawley report a small, but rather steady influx of dollars and cents to the tax department. It is not, however, assuming proportions of a rush.

Here to Meet Remains. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Carnahan of Boise, are in the city today. They will, tonight, meet the remains of Mr. Carnahan's brother, who died suddenly in Enterprise yesterday. The body will be taken to Portland tonight for burial.

Motor Owners to Meet. A meeting of automobile and motorcycle owners is to be held in the city hall at 7:30 this evening for the purpose of discussing the organization of a local motor club. All interested are urged to be present.

NEW TAGS APPEAR. Chief of Police Puts License Tag On Today.

Chief Orai's high headed Hupmobile is considered an automobile by the secretary of state. This is proven by the fact that the chief today adorned his Hup with a nice yellow license tag fresh from Salem. It so happened that in sending out the tags the secretary of state sent Orai's tag to an auto owner in Portland and a Portland tag to the chief. Upon information the secretary immediately made the change and now the chief's private car is safe from arrest on the charge of wearing an old license.

NO NOON BELLS. War on Undermined Building Being Avoided to Fullest Extent.

In order that there may be no needless jar on the city building while the city is excavating for the new heating plant, "three bells" will not be struck at the noon hour for a few days. The excavators are now at the point where caution is needed to complete construction of the foundation properly.

TALKS TO HIGH SCHOOL. Prof. H. Lee Wallace Makes Address to Students.

Prof. H. Lee Wallace, of the Albany college, is in the city today and this morning made an address to the high school students of La Grande. His talk was confined to school work and the benefit of the high schools throughout the country.

LEO FRANK'S FATE NOW UP TO LAST TEST

FINAL HEARING BEFORE SUPREME COURT COMMENCED THIS MORNING.

LAST CHAPTER IN FAMOUS MURDER CASE STARTED

On Decision of Supreme Court from Hearing Today Will Depend the Fate of Alleged Murderer, Story of Which Has Made Deep Impression Everywhere—Mob Trial U.S. Feature.

Washington, Feb. 25.—With the United States Supreme court as the arena, Leo M. Frank's last fight for life was made today. Arguments were begun which mean either death or a new trial for the young Jewish factory superintendent of Atlanta, twice sentenced to the gallows for alleged murder of Mary Phagan, 14-year-old factory girl, at Atlanta on April 24, 1913.

Seven hours were allowed by the high court today to hear the case, a case which has gripped the entire country's interest for many months. A decision may be expected within a few weeks, certainly, it is believed, before the court adjourns for its summer recess.

Frank was represented today by an array of able counsel. The late George also had its own powerful supporters opposing Frank's motion in chief Attorney General Warren G. Rice and Solicitor General Hugh M. Loring known as "Frank's enemies," who prosecuted the case in the Georgia courts.

The court room was crowded today to hear the legal battle. Unique legal points involved caused much professional interest. There was a stir of interest among the spectators as Frank's case was called.

Alleged denial of Constitutional rights of Frank on two grounds were the principal plea made by his counsel. One was Frank's absence from the court room when the jury's verdict was returned. The other was the alleged "mob spirit" during the trial which, Frank contends, intimidated or at least swayed the jury.

The Georgia attorneys combated Frank's plea with the explanation that Frank's lawyers waived his presence in court of fear of mob violence in case the jury brought in an acquittal or disapproved. They also contended that Frank's move to set aside the verdict because of his absence from court was made too late by his counsel.

Technically, the proceedings today were reviewed by the Supreme court of dismissal by United States District Judge Newman of Georgia of Frank's application for a writ of habeas corpus, based largely upon his absence from court. Justice Lamar, in charge

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NEW JUDGE LAW VETOED

Almost entirely unexpected, but nevertheless a fact, Governor Withycombe has vetoed the bill creating a new judicial district in Wallawa county which was intended to clear much of the congestion in Judge Knowles' court.

The bill passed both houses, and its friends here thought it certain the bill was due for the governor's approval. While some pressure was brought to bear from attorneys in La Grande—two or three of them at least—to frustrate the law, the general majority stood firm supporters, and yesterday liberal requests for its final effect were sent the governor. While opposition from Wallawa county where one of the attorneys would gain a judicial robe because of the new bill, was not open, it is apparent that a strong movement had been underfoot in a quiet way. Party lines, on the whole, were not followed, though it is said some of those who opposed the law are democrats.

Judge Knowles will, therefore, continue to try cases in both countries as in the past.

Veto Is Explained. Salem, Feb. 25.—The veto relating to senate bill 288, says: "This bill provides for an additional judge for the Tenth Judicial District. It is my opinion that such an additional judge is not at this time necessary, and in view of general desire for economy and my belief that the district can wait at least two years more before obtaining an additional judge without serious detriment to its judicial administration, I therefore return said bill with my veto."

The other veto message is as follows: "This bill provides that two new judges shall be appointed in connection with certain of the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Judicial Districts. I believe that at this time such additional judges are not a necessity, and that the territory involved will not suffer by waiting at least two more years before such a change is undertaken. I therefore return this bill with my veto."