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WAR COSTING ENGLAND EIGHT MILLIONS DAILY

TOTAL WAR APPROPRIATIONS HAVE REACHED CONSIDERABLE MORE THAN BILLION

FOOD EMBARGO FORMALLY ESTABLISHED BY BRITISH

All Neutral Powers Notified that Food Embargo has Commenced on Germany—Notice Made in House of Commons where Additional Credit Is Asked by Premier—Vast Sums Used Daily.

London, March 1.—An embargo against shipment of all commodities to and from Germany was decided upon by the British government today. Premier Asquith announced this in the House of Commons. He said the embargo was retaliation for the German submarine attacks upon British merchantmen.

Notes announcing the blockade were transmitted to diplomatic representatives of neutral countries at the time the premier made the statement. Asquith said the expenditures as a result of the war were steadily increasing and that by April the conflict will be costing England \$8,000,000 daily.

He added that the coming war debt is the largest ever made upon a nation. "But after seven months of war," he added, "the whole empire is every whit as good as at the outset."

Stupendous Sums Asked. The premier asked the House of Commons to vote a government credit of \$185,000,000.00 to cover the war measures for the remainder of the period ending March 31. This makes a total war appropriation by Great Britain to date of \$1,810,000,000.00.

Blockade Is Explained. Washington, March 1.—French and British ambassadors called on Secretary of State Bryan today and acquainted him with all the details of the plan adopted by the allies to blockade Germany. The call was a matter of international courtesy only.

Passport Scandal Aired. Washington, March 1.—President Wilson will pass personally upon the allegations the officials of the German embassy violated diplomatic ethics and neutrality by trying to obtain by fraud, American passports for use of German spies in England. This was decided on by high officials of the administration. It is denied that there is any intention to make an issue with Germany out of the charges resulting in the arrest in New York of Richard Stegler, who confessed to passport frauds and asserted Captain Boy-ed a German naval attaché had employed him as a spy.

If it is shown any German diplomatic officials abused hospitality of the United States the fact will be presented to the German government which will decide itself what it wants done.

IMPORTANT SESSION TONIGHT.

Every Sportsman in the City Urgently Requested to Attend.

This evening commencing at 8 o'clock in the city hall auditorium, there will be held a meeting of all sportsmen of the city and surrounding sections, and membership in the Wing, Fin & Fleetfoot club is not a requisite to admission.

There are extremely important matters to come before the meeting, and each member of the club, under whose auspices the meeting is to be held, is urged to get out today and invite sportsmen to be present.

Tax Return Day Today.

Washington, March 1.—If, perchance, you, gentle reader are a dealer in opium or its dopey derivatives, you today are subject to a federal tax.

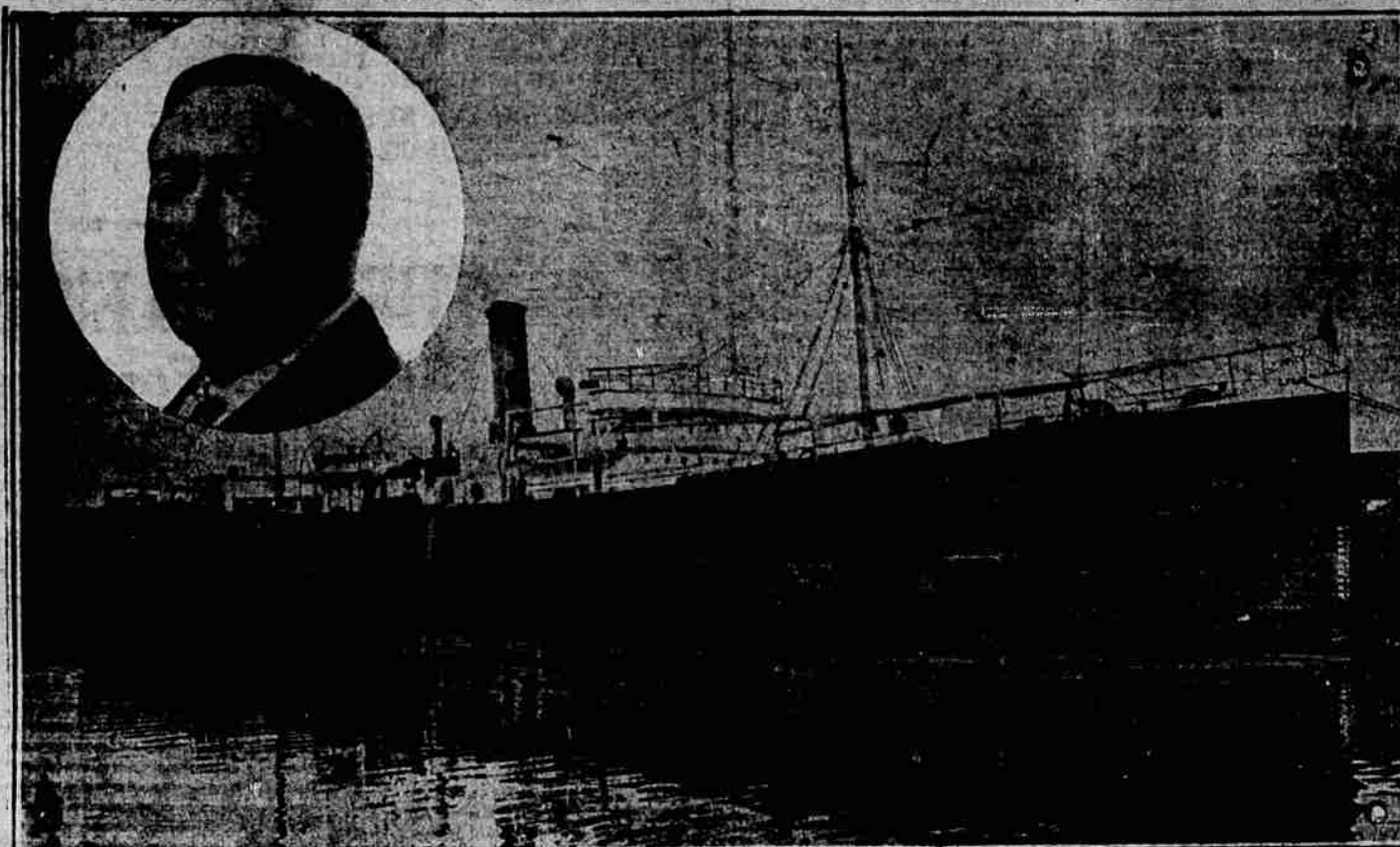
Moreover, if you are fortunate enough to be receiving an income large enough on which to make it worth while to dodge the tax collector you should in honesty make a tax return to the federal officials.

Noted Pastor in St. Louis.

St. Louis, March 1.—Rev. Karl H. Reiland, of New York, pastor of St. George's Episcopal church, at which the late J. P. Morgan was a communicant, and the minister who gained after his "discovery" by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, when Roosevelt was president, today began a five-day engagement here, at the noon day Lenten services in a local theatre.

Captured Ship Dacia Towed Into Harbor at Brest For Further Investigation

FAMOUS GERMAN SHIP DACIA NOW UNDER AMERICAN REGISTER, AND HER CAPTAIN, GEORGE MACDONALD.



Vessel which is destined for Germany, but has been captured by the allies and is now at Brest awaiting settlement of extremely important point in neutral commerce. Upon the outcome of the Dacia affair depends the fate of vast shipping interests, during the war.

Brest, March 1.—Escorted by a French cruiser, the German ship Dacia, under American register, which was captured at sea Saturday night, was towed into harbor today. The Dacia is loaded with cotton and her disposition will decide a very important point in the present blockade.

TWO ROBBERS RIFLE VANCOUVER STATION

CONSIDERABLE SUM TAKEN FROM CASH DRAWER.

One of Robbers Carried a Dirk—Description of Men Received by Officials Here this Morning.

Between \$200 and \$300 were taken from the ticket office of the O.W. at Vancouver, Washington, last evening, and the authorities throughout Eastern Oregon have been instructed to be on the lookout for the thieves. One feature of the robbery is that one of the two men who executed the task, carried a dirk. Descriptions telegraphed to local officials and turned over to city and county authorities set out the following facts: "At 11 p. m. Feb. 28, operator and ticket clerk I. S. Nelson, at Vancouver station, was held up and cash drawer and safe in ticket office was robbed of all money on hand—between \$200 and \$300. The robbery was committed by two men wearing handkerchiefs over their faces; one man about 28 to 32 years of age, height about five feet eight; wore striped overall suit and black cap. Carried an automatic pistol, thought to be a Colt and a six-inch dirk with a wide blade. The other man was six feet tall slender, and wore dark clothes, soft black hat and carried a pistol thought to be a Luger."

POPULAR COUPLE WEDDED

Mays and Wade Families United in Marriage in This City.

Two of Walolwa county's foremost young people were quietly married in La Grande Friday evening in the presence of only a few intimate friends, Harry Mays, of Joseph, and Miss E. Faye Wade, of Enterprise, were married at the Presbyterian manse, Rev. G. L. Clark officiating. Miss Zora Combes, of Enterprise, witnessed the ceremony. The groom is the son of the late Polk Mays, wealthy stockman of Enterprise, and Miss Wade is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wade, one of the wealthiest ranchers on the Alder Slope. The groom is a member of the Elks lodge in this city, and both are, in every respect, among the most popular of the younger set in Walolwa county.

PROGRAM IS UPSET.

A. R. Marker Ill; Members Visit the City's Sick Men.

A. R. Marker, who was to speak to the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, was taken suddenly ill and could not fill his engagement; neither could the male quartet, slated to sing for the assembly. After a short song service, the men in attendance divided themselves into three groups and visited the sick men of the city—at least such of them as they were familiar with.

Relief Ship to Sail.

Boston, March 1.—The New England Belgian committee announced today that a second relief ship for Belgium will be ready to sail within 24 hours.

THIRTY KILLED BY EXPLOSIONS

BOMB SMUGGLED ON SHIP IN ICE CAKES.

Mexican Gunboat Blown Up in Progressor Harbor, Mexico.

Galveston, March 1.—Thirty persons, inclusive of five women, were killed on the Mexican gunboat Progressor, which was blown up in the harbor at Progressor, Mexico, today, according to announcement by the Carranza consul.

He declared the bomb which did the damage had been smuggled aboard the vessel with a shipment of ice.

Court Reporter Going to Haines.

Court Reporter H. R. Hanna will go to Haines tomorrow to conduct a hearing, as referee.

POMP ATTENDS DEDICATION

OREGON BUILDING FORMALLY INITIATED.

La Grande People Present When Big Ceremonial Is Conducted.

San Francisco, March 1.—The Oregon building on the exposition ground was dedicated today with a splendid ceremony.

Judge Wolverton presided at the festivities, and R. A. Booth, Eugene lumberman, represented Governor Withycombe at the exposition.

La Grande People Present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carr of La Grande, were among the Oregon guests, at the dedication of the Oregon building today.

NEW SWINDLE IS VERY UP TO DATE

LA GRANDE PEOPLE AWAITING NEW SPANISH LETTERS.

Old Prison Scheme is Revamped and Now Uses Siege of Liege as Basis. Same Mailing List.

Such of La Grande's population as are on the "Spanish prisoner" mailing list, will probably soon be approached from another angle for assistance to get an "unfortunate out of jail." The new scheme is a revamp of the old Spanish prisoner swindle, and Scotland Yard's think the same mailing list will be used for the new swindle. Several La Grande people during 1911 and 1912, received letters from Madrid written by one posing as Vex Banker, or Claudio Balboa, who claimed to be in prison and for some bail money would divide a whole trunk full of money which he just knew where the secret location of. So far as known none of Union county's money went to Madrid for this purpose.

The newest scheme is transferred to Belgium for Jorignation, rather than Spain, as was the case in the first instance. But the writer is still in Spain. The new schemer knows where 20,000 pounds lie hidden, but he was taken prisoner at the siege of Liege, and bundled out of the country to Spain, where he is now pining away for want of bail money, but nevertheless anxious to give half of his hoard to anyone who will advance a few dollars on a "long shot."

According to Paris and London dispatches, the same mailing list is being used that Balboa employed.

Czar of Coney Loses Job.

Albany, March 1.—Fred Luny, at one time the "Czar of Coney Island," had to quit his job as transfer tax appraiser today. Loss of the \$4,000 political job is the third of the misfortunes which have overtaken Luny. Once he owned oyster beds that were believed to be worth a million or so, and they proved worthless. Last year he was beaten at the primaries, in a race for office.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

San Francisco, March 1.—The traffic policeman was off the job and pedestrians who crossed Market street were taking their lives in their hands. Jitney buses were speeding on without thought of the foot passengers.

Willis Polk, of New York and San Francisco, an architect, wanted to crossed.

Here was his method: He stepped briskly to the curbstone, extracted a nickel from his pocket, held it aloft and looked like a customer. Every jitney bus stopped.

Polk walked safely across the street.

FLEET SLOWLY PASSES THROUGH LONG STRAITS

ALLIED SHIPS NOW SIXTEEN MILES IN THE DARDANELLES SAYS DISPATCH.

NEW QUEEN ELIZABETH WITH 15-INCH GUNS USED

Von Hindenburg's Drive Toward Warsaw Reported to Have Received a Check, Although Russians Lose Heavily—French Striving Hard to Advance at Badonviller.

London, March 1.—The Anglo-French fleet is 16 miles inside the entrance to the Dardanelles, smashing fortifications between it and the possession of Constantinople. The light-house south of Fort Kild Bahr, on the European side, has been demolished.

Fifteen-inch Guns Winning.

The British super-dreadnaught Queen Elizabeth, one of the very latest England has built, is using her 15-inch guns with appalling effect. Fighting between landing parties and Turks is declared to be proceeding with great vengeance.

Petrograd, March 1.—Von Hindenburg's drive toward Warsaw connections with Warsaw and Petrograd, have been halted on the Niemen river in Poland, the war office has announced. Heavily reinforced, Russians are rolling back the Germans along the entire Prussian front. The battle lines is 20 miles inside the Polish border. Violent engagements are in progress west of Przanys, following the recapture of the city by the Russians. The war office admits heavy losses, but declares the Germans' were much heavier.

French Troops Advance.

Paris, March 1.—French troops at Champagne have advanced nearly a mile and a half, the war office claims. German counter attacks were repulsed northwest of Perthes. French continues to gain about Chavellot and in the Vosges, it is asserted.

French Attack Desperate.

Berlin, March 1.—French are desperately attempting to recapture Badonviller in Vosges and to press back the right wing of the German army. So far they have been repulsed, the Berlin authorities declare.

"Five attacks on Vauquois were repulsed," the statement said, "but the fighting on the plateau on which the town is located, continues. The French suffered severe losses but renewed their attacks on Perthes."

OFF ON LONG TRIP.

Mr. Jones Will Visit Old Plantation in Mississippi.

W. B. (Dick) Jones leaves this evening for a loop-the-loop journey south and east, expecting to be gone several weeks. He will visit the fair, go to Los Angeles and swing over to New Orleans. In Mississippi he will inspect some cotton holdings in which he is interested financially, and will hobnob with old cronies there. After completing his business and pleasure trip in the south he will go north to Iowa where he was born and raised, and then visit Chicago. Later on he will go to the home of Schiltz, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and again visit the old scenes in the Badger state where once in the express business he made regular calls, going westward again, through Eu Claire, Menomoneie and other Western Wisconsin towns, and finally home via the twin cities.

Mrs. Jones doesn't relish leaving Oregon long enough even for a hurried trip through the east, consequently she will look after the Jones estate during the absence of the head of the house.

"GYPSY TRAIL" BOOKED

Local Theatians Will Perform in the Elgin Opera House Friday.

Principles, chorus, property men and bag and baggage connected with the "Gypsy Trail," which was put on here by home talent a few days ago with splendid success, will journey to Elgin Friday night to put on their numbers before the Elgin public in the new Elgin opera house-city hall. Just how the trip will be made has not been determined yet but director Ellsworth Ellis anticipates a special train will be employed to carry the song actors.

SOUTHERN SOCIETY GIRL TO BE INCLUDED IN EASTER PROCESSION OF BRIDES



Miss Elaine Pujo, daughter of former Congressman A. P. Pujo, lately investigator of the alleged money trust, may be numbered among the Easter brides, as her engagement to William B. Reilly

of New Orleans has been announced. Miss Pujo's home is in New Orleans, and the wedding will probably take place in the Crescent City.