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SUBMARINES TRAVEL 3000 MILES SAFELY

GERMAN SINKS ENGLISH SUBMARINE IN TURK COAST.

DASH ACROSS THE ATLANTIC POSSIBLE

Two English Steamers Struck, one Sinking on the Spot and Other Limping Into Nearby Port—Rumor of Secret Base on British Scouted, Proving Prowess of Submarine.

London March 17.—The British steamer Atalanta and Fingal were torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine, the admiralty has announced. The first vessel was torpedoed Sunday but reached port badly damaged. The other went down off Northumberland and six members of the crew drowned.

Remarkable prowess of Germany's new secretly-designed submarine was demonstrated in a striking manner today when the admiralty announced the torpedoing of the two vessels. The Atalanta was struck off the coast of Innishurk, Galway, indicating the submarines have a cruising radius of 3000 miles.

Secret Base Denied.

The admiralty refused to accept the theory that Germans have a secret base somewhere on the British coast which confirms the reports current for some time that the new submarines are equipped for a dash across the Atlantic if ordered to do so.

Valparaiso Chile, March 17.—German assertions that the cruiser Dresden was in neutral waters when a British squadron sent her to the bottom is denied by Lieutenant Commander Fielding of the British auxiliary cruiser Orana, one of the ships which attacked the vessel.

"The story that the Dresden was sunk in neutral water is nonsense," he said. "It can be disproved readily by locating the hulk. Our squadron sighted the Dresden 12 miles from Juan Fernandez. The cruiser Glasgow, our fastest, gave chase with the Kent and the Orana following. The Glasgow opened fire at short range. Several shots were fired before the Dresden's guns got into action. She was running toward the coast and the Kent swung in and headed her off. Before the Kent could open fire, the German ship's upper works were in flames. The Kent fired a half dozen shots, all taking effect, and the Dresden ran up the white flag."

21 IN RACE

Accident Injures Men at Venice Score boards

Venice, Cal March 16.—Twenty-one speed demons, contesting for honors in the Venice grand prix automobile race, started shortly after 11 o'clock today on their 300-mile endurance contest.

A crowd of 30,000 lined the three mile course.

Durant in a Chevrolet was sent away first and the others followed. Aviator Martin dipped over the spectators as the start was made.

Several scorers were hurt when the wind blew down the score board early in the race.

Eddie Hinkenbecher was leading at the end of the 21st lap; Ruckstall was second being half lap behind, and Klein was third.

CASH RAISES CAULIFLOWER

New Resident has Ranch at Roseburg Producing Plant

That Oregon has a certain section which successfully produces broccoli (cauliflower) can no longer be doubted. O. H. Cash, who recently removed to this city brought a fine head of broccoli to the Observer office yesterday, which was but one head out of a crate of as fine cauliflower as has ever been shown in this market. Mr. Cash says the industry is now just fairly started in the Rogue river valley and that contract for twenty carloads are now being filled, the product being shipped to New York and other eastern cities. He has twenty-five acres in the tract highly improved, most of which is set to pears and cherries, with a few apples and several acres planted to broccoli. It is located within two and one half miles of Roseburg.

OLD SAINT PAID EXTENSIVE HOMAGE

WEARING OF THE GREEN QUITE THE THING TODAY

Ministry to Reign Supreme Tonight—Program has Unusual Merit and Unique Color

Good old Saint Patrick, the hero the Irish nation is receiving homage today in La Grande. The wearing of the green is not confined to sons of Erin alone for Jew and gentile alike wear the buttons and the day has a greenish tinge, even in the skies which have lost their customary blue and sunshine for the time being.

But such homage as was paid today is a mere trifle compared to the tribute that will be spoken and sung tonight.

Great expectancy on the part of the show going public exists today regarding the Grande Ronde Sons of Erin entertainment tonight in Sherry's theatre.

Few events of the kind have ever been staged in La Grande and that there is in store a rich evening's entertainment is freely predicted. While some of the talent is well known to La Grande people and the merit is a household word, yet there are some new faces on the scene and many are guessing what place they will hold in the estimation of talent critics after the show tonight.

It will be an event of the old sod. They will sing the songs that send

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BLOCKADE IS SEVERE BLOW TO AMERICANS

LOSS IN IMPORTS ALONE WILL DAILY AMOUNT TO HUNDRED THOUSAND

CURTAILMENT TO THE COTTON MARKET HEAVY

Senators confer with Wilson and determine extent English blockade of Germany means—Proposition put up by England will be spurned by administration chiefs.

Washington March 16.—Stoppage of American imports from Germany as the result of the British order-in-council, establishing a blockade in Germany, will mean the loss of \$100,000 per day in U. S. customs receipts. This is the estimate of Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and Senator Walsh of Montana after a conference with President Wilson and

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Songbird Back With Home Folks



MISS FELICE LYNE

Felice's in town—plain, everyday Felice Lyne, the winsome little maiden that La Grande knew a few years ago, and who in the past three years has jumped into world-wide prominence in musical circles and has a traveling record of over 75,000 miles, to sing in London, South Africa, Australia, Canada—and then La Grande.

"Plain Felice" is a mighty good phrase for it describes her just right. To one who knew her when she went to Five Hundred parties, to dances and to shows a few years back, as "one of us," it is hard to conceive that she has reached the height in

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RATE HEARING COMES TO END

PREPARATION OF BRIEFS NEXT MOVE NEEDED.

Last Evidence Introduced at Baker Yesterday Afternoon.

Hearings preliminary to adjustment of the light rates charged by the Eastern Oregon Light & Power people, were concluded at Baker last night and Attorney H. E. Dixon, representing the La Grande commercial club in that hearing returned last night. He is well satisfied with the showing made, and advises members of the commercial club today that the prospect for a readjustment downward are deemed good by counsel for the various cities interested.

Hearing Is Adjourned

Baker, March 17.—Taking of testimony by the state railroad commission in the rate investigation of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company was concluded last evening, a night session being necessary to finish it up. Mr. Aitchison left for Portland, while Commissioner Thomas K. Campbell left for Heppner, where he will hear testimony in a grade crossing case. Mr. Neill, the commissioner's engineer, will remain in Baker today at the request of Commissioner Finley and will visit the city power plant to examine the water wheel and give the commission the benefit of his experience in determining if possible why the municipal plant is not developing the full amount of power. He will leave tonight to join Mr. Campbell at Heppner.

The hearing yesterday resulted in the introduction of a mass of detailed testimony on operating expenses, construction cost, maintenance, etc., while considerable time was given over to hearing the testimony on the comparative cost of producing electrical current by water power and with a steam plant. Vincent Palmer, manager of the George Palmer Lumber company, and Geo. Stoddard of the Grande Ronde Lumber company of La Grande, were witnesses testifying on the latter details, as was Mr. Nichols, the Billsby company's engineer.

Manager Harmon of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company was on the stand for some time yesterday again, giving facts to the commission relative to the financial transactions involved in the purchase of both the Baker Power company and the Grande Ronde Power company by the E. O. L. & P. He was questioned by City Attorney Dixon of La Grande about the rate of 13 cents per kilowatt hour which the company is furnishing power to the Hot Lake sanatorium company for. He asked if Mr. Harmon thought such a rate

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HIGHBINDERS AND EMISSARY OF PEACE HERE

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF CHINESE FEUDS ATTEMPTED BY SEVERAL LEADERS

DANGER OF OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE NOT REMOTE

William Eng and Fong Arraigned this Afternoon with Trial Set for Friday While Other Five Suspects Were Released Last Evening Without Further Hearing or Arrests.

Rumors of gathering of the tong highbinders, arrival of peace agents and formal preference of specific charges against two Chinese implicated in the vicious assault upon Wong Won Duck Sunday night as he sat in his store on Fourth street, and was riddled with bullets until his face is a sieve, are the latest developments in the Chinese disturbances which have been creating furores in La Grande the past few days.

Charlie Fong, a stranger who it is alleged by depositions and by friends of Wong, is a highbinder who participated in the conspiracy to kill Wong, and William (Billie) Eng, a La Grande resident for a considerable time, were this afternoon arraigned before Justice of the Peace Williams. The charge preferred is assault with intent to kill, but District Attorney Ivanhoe reserves the right to change the charge should the victim of the assault die. Trial was set for Friday at 9:30, and the two men put on \$1000 bail each.

That conclusive proof against two certain Chinese, and not whitewash, has been developed in the statements made by one of the factions. Just what it is has not been disclosed, and it is likely that some or all of it will come to light when the preliminary hearing is held Friday.

Danger of another outbreak of actual violence is far from unlikely and all factions are keeping close guard at night. If rumors spread by some of the orientals are based on actual facts there is already a rush of highbinder chieftains headed this way with blood in their eyes. Others of the oriental settlements say that peace will reign supreme and bloodshed be avoided. Chaotic and uncertain, however, is the whole situation and wholesale butchery is not unlikely should highbinders congregate; on the other hand, peace-abiding Chinese both already residents and those who have come as peace agents, may confine the feuds that that amount of blood already spilled.

Gunmen Gathering Is Report

That highbinders are congregating here for future development is believed by one faction of the Chinese colony. It is said that Eng's relatives are interesting themselves in his case and are hurrying men here to settle amicably if they can, the brewing trouble between the two principal factions.

One Chinaman arrived at noon and one last night, the first from the west and the latter from the east, to take up with the officials the matter of bringing hasty termination to the troubles. One or both had frequent consultations with officials today.

"I have appealed to Sheriff Hug to place some of the men we think are highbinders under bonds to keep the peace" said Toy Young today in speaking of his side of the story. "We want to settle this thing as quietly as possible, and we don't fancy getting shot either."

"We feel sure that highbinders are either here or will be here, basing our belief on the news we picked up this morning."

"It is our progress and our business enterprise that other factions are jealous of not we of theirs" said Toy in relation to the deposition made by Wong Won Duck yesterday morning.

Last evening after investigation of the evidence at hand, it was determined that all save two of the seven held in jail yesterday afternoon should be released. Those held are Fong, said to be Fong Ah Gof, and William Eng, a young Chinaman who has adopted occidental ways and has been popular with white people of this city. These two were kept in the city jail last night, and the hearing set for this afternoon.

RULERS OF GREECE AND FORMER PREMIER FIGHTING OVER WAR



M. VENIZELLOS.

The Greeks are now engaged in a bitter political contest to decide if they will enter the war against Turkey or remain neutral, and the fight has come down to a trial of strength between King Constantine and the Queen on one side and former Premier Venizelos on the other.

The king was raised in the German army and he has for years been a partisan of Germany. The queen is a sister of Kaiser Wilhelm, and of course her sympathies are with Germany. It is said that this position has made them unpopular. A day after Venizelos resigned as premier the king prorogued the parliament for a month, fearing, such a feeling would be aroused against the new ministry that was being formed in the interest of peace it would not last long.



KING CONSTANTINE OF GREECE.

QUEEN SOPHIE OF GREECE.

F. Morris Dead.

F. Morris, aged 59, died at his home on Monroe avenue last night. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the Bohnenkamp chapel. A wife and a daughter survive him.