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GERMANS OPEN SLAUGHTER OF FISHING BOATS FOUND IN NORTH SEA; 11 RAMMED

London, May 5.—In a sudden raid upon the English fishing fleets in the North sea, a German submarine, with a facsimile of the Iron Cross painted on the conning tower, is known to have sunk eleven trawlers in the past few hours, and it is feared others have been destroyed. The latest attack is designed to further strike at the food supply in England. Today the crews of vessels destroyed Monday and yesterday, began to reach port after the 11 trawlers are known to have been rescued. They brought thrilling stories of struggling while adrift in boats.

London, May 5.—Nine British trawlers have been sunk in the North sea during the past 24 hours and submarines are making concerted raids on trawlers in the hope of preventing them being used as mineports clearly indicate the German sweepers as well as to completely paralyze fishing industries in England. Reports from Hull and Grimsby being word of additional raids. Several trawlers from Hull and Grimsby are known to be lost. Whether the crews of all the trawlers escaped isn't known. The men from at least three, landed at Hull and they were from the Westward Ho, Io-lanthe and the Hero. Crews of these were given time to take to the boats before the torpedoes were launched. The men were picked up by fishing vessels.

Berlin Hears of Success. Berlin, May 5.—Official statements issued today declare the British continue to retreat in the region of Ypres. Heavy losses were suffered by the enemy and a number of arms, along the British front in Belgium, have been captured.

American Boat Helpless. Washington, May 5.—The Gulf Refining company, owners of the Gulf-light, have been informed that their vessel was torpedoed by a submarine without the slightest warning as it was following in the wake of two British patrol boats. The Gulf-light was flying the American ensign.

Canadian Casualties Many. London, May 5.—The total casualties in the Canadian division engaged in Flanders is 230 officers, 6,024 men. This is the official announcement. The Princess Patricia regiment lost 20 officers and 308 men.

Paris, May 5.—Under flanking by four French and British batteries, heavy losses were inflicted on Germans in night attacks directed against the allies' line about Ypres.

Official dispatches from the battlefields declare the battle in Flanders has been resumed with great vigor. Reinforced, Germans are hurling themselves against the British front in Ypres. Severe attacks were delivered during the night, and the main blow was struck at the British positions with great determination but broke down before the British fire.

ORATOR IS PICKED.

John Cox Will Represent Baker at La Grande Contest.

Baker, May 5.—John Cox was the winner of the annual Baker high school oratorical contest at the library auditorium last evening, the winning of which carries with it the J. H. Nichols gold medal and also the honor of representing the Baker high in the oratorical contest next Saturday evening at La Grande, when the high schools of Pendleton, La Grande, Ontario, Union, Hermiston, Athena, Lostine and Heppner will be represented.

Mr. Cox's subject was "Peace," and the young orator acquitted himself in a very creditable manner, as did also Roy Allison, Harry Swan and Walter Eardley, the other contestants, whose respective subjects were, "Belgium and the War," "Injustice of American Sentiment Toward Germany," and "Some Aspects of the War."

Argue Libel on Vessel.

Boston, May 5.—Final argument in the libel brought by two New York banks and two passengers against the North German Lloyd steamship Kronprinzessin began today in the Federal Court. The action grew out of the return of the vessel to the United States when the war broke out, instead of continuing her voyage.

Maurice Hanssen of Brussels, one of the complainants, who is now in Canada, has filed a deposition.

Newsies Slightly Mixed

St. Paul, Minn., May 5.—Newsboys today threatened a revolt. During the sensational publicity given the Rev. James Morrison Darnell, they accustomed them selves to calling him "Mister Darnell." Then along came the bombardment of the Dardanelles. They thought they were right and when two ships were sunk in the Dardanelles the other day, the kiddies adopted the cry, "Extra British ship sunk by Mr. Darnell."

Provisional Government Anniversary.

Albany, May 5.—Hon. M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, was in the city yesterday on his way to Portland, where he has charge of one of Uncle Sam's departments, after a visit home, for Lebanon continues to be his home and voting place. While at Lebanon Saturday he attended the celebration of pioneers at the home of C. H. Ralston in honor of the anniversary of the provisional government, which was established at Champeog, May 1, 1843. Mr. Miller was the principal speaker. Among others heard were George Waggoner, author of Old Oregon, and C. H. Stewart. This promises to become a regular event there every first day of May.

Retail Merchants Meet.

Albany, March 5.—The regular monthly meeting of the Albany Retail Merchants association will be held on Tuesday evening. The meeting will be in the dining room of the St. Francis hotel. After the banquet and regular business session of the association the merchants will adjourn to the assembly hall of the public library where they will be entertained with a lecture and lantern slides, given by E. M. Underwood, credit man of the firm of Saling and McCalman, wholesale hardware merchants of Portland.

Imbler Woodmen Coming.

Thursday evening a delegation of Woodmen will come in from Imbler, bringing with them three candidates for initiation and eight La Grande novitiates will form an added class. All M. W. A. members are urged to be present.

Primary Election in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, May 5.—Candidates for mayor of Los Angeles were being chosen today at a municipal primary election. Chief of Police Charles E. Sebastian, Robert Allen, a former police commissioner, and F. J. Whiffen, member of the city council, were the best known candidates. Two will go on the ballot which will be voted on at the final election next month.

Auto Men Meet in Detroit

Detroit, May 5.—The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce is in convention here today at the Statler Hotel. Topics relating to service to be rendered to users by the makers and dealers, standardization of capacity rating, shows etc., will be discussed by experts.

King's Daughters Convene.

Allentown, Pa., May 5.—The state convention of King's Daughters opened a two days' session in this city today.

"AMERICA FIRST" FOR PATRIOTIC YOUNG SINGER.

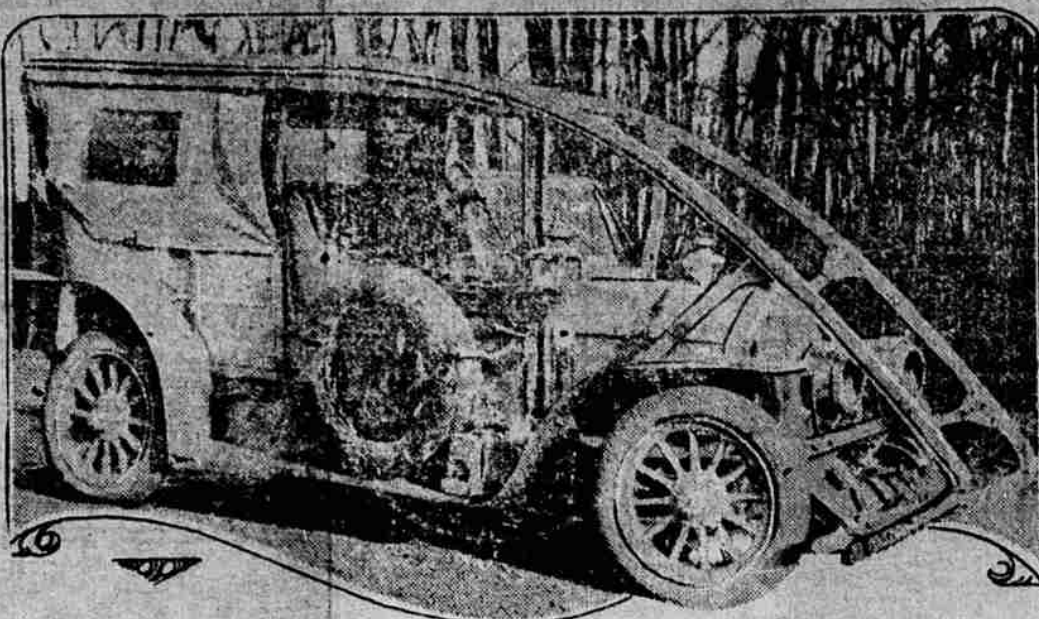


Myrna Sharlow

"Sing in America first," is the motto of Miss Myrna Sharlow, the young soprano of the Boston Opera company, who has crossed the continent three times and knows America as well as she knows her native Boston.

Miss Sharlow was invited to make her grand opera debut in Florence, Italy, two years ago, but she insisted on remaining in America until she won her first operatic laurels.

AUTO WIRE CUTTER CLEARS PATH FOR CHARGE ON ENEMY.



THE AUTO SHOWN ABOVE, EQUIPPED WITH TWO SHARP KNIFE-LIKE WIRE CUTTERS, IS USED BY BOTH THE GERMANS AND THE ALLIES TO BREAK THROUGH THE BARB WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS GUARDING TRENCHES AND BLOCK HOUSES.

NEW MEMBER WITH BOARD

S. N. BOLTON RESIGNS SCHOOL BOARD.

Unexpired Term to Be Filled by Colon R. Eberhard.

S. N. Bolton, chairman of the board of education, has tendered his resignation to the school board and Attorney Colon R. Eberhard, of this city, has been elected to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Bolton's term would terminate with the coming school election, but absence from the city prompted him to retire at this time.

The month of May begins with much work done by the school board. At its meeting this week, Mr. Eberhard was not present, but has consented to accept the election.

Aside from paying wages and bills, the board, over which Dr. C. T. Bacon is now chairman, attended to the election of a considerable group of teachers.

Minnie Holman and Sarah Riddle, teachers in the high school now, declined to accept their positions again, and Bert Harris, of the commercial department, likewise declined to accept another year's contract.

Sue Wilson, a grade teacher, expects to resume study and has resigned.

New Teachers Elected.

Ralph G. Henline, of Maquokete, Iowa, was elected to the high school faculty. Will W. Fleming, of Woodland, Indiana, will, with Mr. Henline, handle mathematics, botany and agriculture. Claire B. Jones, of Wauwatosa, Wis., was employed to the fifth grade work; Mariam Aubrey, of West Allis, Wis., to the fourth grade; Katherine Roe, of Winnetka, Ill., to the sixth grade; Lela Bloom, of Union, to the intermediate, and Myrtle Chandler, of Elgin, to the intermediate.

WHOLE NORTHWEST WATCHING LA GRANDE MOTORCYCLE RACE

All over the northwest the motorcycle fraternities are discussing the La Grande motorcycle races to be held June 17th. This is the word brought to La Grande by O. P. T. Daenitz, northwest manager of the Harley and he says that the prospect of Otto Walker, better known as Clyde Simmons—who performed here last year—and Leslie Parkhurst of Milwaukee, Wis., coming to the races are very bright. Walker is the international world's champion, having won that distinction at Venice a few weeks ago and Parkhurst was 15 seconds behind him at the finish of the 300 mile race. Parkhurst has the one-hour championship.

"Spokane, Seattle, and especially Portland are talking La Grande races," said Mr. Daenitz today. "I made the whole northwest and I haven't missed an opportunity to talk up the La Grande affair and you can rest assured that the people who are coming here that day will hail from many miles away, as well as Eastern Oregon points."

Mr. Daenitz is coming back for races. Between now and then he is going to spread the news far and near and not only that but will talk up entries for the races. "It's the big talk," he declares, everywhere he has been the past few weeks.

Y. W. C. A. Holds Convention. Los Angeles, May 5.—The Young Women's Christian Association began its biennial convention here today. Sessions will be held every day until May 11th.

Washing of Clothes and Men at the Front Scientifically Done

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD (United Press Staff Correspondent.) (Copyrighted 1915, By United Press. Copyrighted in Great Britain.)

Headquarters of the British Army Northern France, April 20.—(By Mail to New York)—A week with the British army is divided into two parts. You spend the first part, if you're an American learning that quietness and an absence of fuss doesn't mean inefficiency; you spend the second half in observing demonstrations of 100 percent efficiency. It is not only in the brilliant ends of war, like flying and fighting, that you see remarkable results attained, it is in the common, everyday affairs of maintaining the army and keeping it happy.

I can show you a young English officer who probably wears a monocle, whose stride is peccadillo and who never loses his well bred expression of being bored, even while he's showing you over the great bathhouse and laundry which he started some months ago.

"Well, he's the bag of tricks," he says as he waves his riding stick across the entrance of the red brick building in a certain town. "You see there were an awful lot of our men who got no chance to bathe during the early part of the war. Some of them went three months without bathing. I've got two of their shirts nailed up in picture frames which ought to be presented to the British museum. It isn't the dirt so much as the little animals, what? Well, we took this jolly old place and turned it into a cleaning house for the soldiers." Incidentally "we" is really this London chap.

"Had to work with what we could find here," he explained, "We're bathing a thousand soldiers here every day. It takes a soldier an hour to go through the mill and he comes out with his uniform sterilized and with his shirts and underwear all clean."

"How do you get his clothes washed and dried so quickly?"

"Oh, you see he doesn't get his own

underwear and shirt and socks back. He gets a layout that is left by some soldier yesterday; he leaves his layout here and some soldier that comes tomorrow will get that. Beats the patent drier sort of things, doesn't it? Couldn't get the patent drier things here anyhow. Did the best we could. Get exactly the same results. Men turned out in an hour; not a bug left in his clothes; not a germ on him; Underclothes fresh as new. Thousand a day going through this old thread factory now. Rather interesting, what?"

In the most matter of fact way this English officer shows you a new way of adaptability and efficiency. There is not a waste motion in the place. The big tubs are so efficiently used and the drying rooms yield such vast results considering their small space, that it looks as if the buildings had been made for a bath house in the first place.

A hundred French women churning away with washing machines of every description which the young officer had been in the neighborhood were happily chanting a French song when we went through the wash room.

Said the young army man. "They all have been out of work if it had not been for this jolly old bathhouse." This young officer has done man sized job in this war with a lack of waste motion that ought to make him a great laundry proprietor in peace times, or a great soldier.

The British army efficiency extends to psychology. In a town not a great distance from the bath house is the "Follies." Its a theatre. As you're wondering why theatres are run in London in war times you have only to come out here where the audience is made up nightly of 3,000 or more men who have been in the trenches, face to face with death and are going back again, and you'll see the cheering values of the theatrical amusements.

The object of this theatre is to

SHE'S HOSTESS TO FAIR VISITORS



MRS. FREDERICK G. SANBORN, EXECUTIVE HEAD OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION AND OFFICIAL HOSTESS TO WOMEN VISITORS AT THE FAIR

ORIENT TEEMS WITH RUMORS OF OUTBREAK

JAPAN HAS ADVANTAGE IN THAT HER ARMY IS MOBILIZED AND READY.

CHINESE HAVE BUT FEW HOURS TO ACT IN

Ultimatum, Carrying Last Word, Will Give 24 Hours for Chinese Government to Act, and If She Refuses, Japan Will Call Her Army and Navy to Support Demands.

London, May 5.—China is to be given only 24 hours in which to reply to the ultimatum to be delivered by Japan as a result of the Pekin government's refusal to accede to demands from Tokio, according to reports from the Japanese capital.

Tokio Is Ready.

Tokio, May 5.—Announcement that the Japanese government has forwarded the last word to China in the form of an ultimatum giving the Pekin government a minimum of 48 hours in which to comply with the Tokio demands or face enforcement by the Japanese army and navy, is expected momentarily. As the army was mobilized by Japan owing to the participation as England's ally in the present war, the Tokio government is prepared to strike quickly, while China is unready.

EDWARDS ACCEPTS CALL.

June Sixth is Date Set When He will Be Located Here.

Baker, May 5.—Rev. Charles A. Edwards, pastor of the Baker Methodist church, has accepted a call to the La Grande Methodist church and will assume his new pastorate Sunday, June 6. His last sermon in Baker will be preached on Sunday, May 25.

The acceptance of the call to La Grande is an advancement for Rev. Edwards as La Grande has probably the strongest Methodist organization in Eastern Oregon, with a fine modern church, and the new position carries a substantial salary increase. He will succeed Rev. E. B. Fyke.

The departure of Rev. Edwards from Baker will be deeply regretted not only by church members but by others as well, as he has made many friends during his pastorate here. The best wishes of all, however, will go with him to his new field of labor.

His successor will be named soon by Bishop Luceock, who is now attending a church conference at Grand Forks, N. D.

make the soldier behind the trench line forget all about the war. It has exactly the same zone which are nothing more than "rest cures" for tired, nerve strained men and not hospitals for wounded or sick men. The "Follies" is a real theatre, in a fair sized town. Its a soldier show. The six men who make up the troupe were soldiers, excused from shooting and fighting just because they sing and dance and make other soldiers forget themselves. There are two performances a night; the place is always packed and the British soldiers troop out happy. They don't go in companies, but in crowds or singly, as they please, as they would go to a show in London. The night I saw the "Follies" there were London officers around me who enjoyed the show as heartily, apparently, as if it had been given in a music hall in London. The song hit of the night was this: "Hear the military bands playing, 'Rule' Britannia and God Save the King. But for the fellow in the trenches thinking of their wench. There's one song only. When their sad and lonely. And that's a little Johnny Morgan! On his old Mouthorgan. Playing 'Home, Sweet, home.'"

Women's Clubs of Kansas Meet.

Emporia, Kan. May 5.—The annual meeting of the state federation of Women's clubs convened here today for a three days' session.

Today's Oddest Story

Lima O., May 5.—I'm your long lost husband, H. W. Troxler, said a man to Florence Mackin 20, on the street the other night. "I've been living in Allentown, Pa., for three years since I deserted you." "Uh huh, mabe!" replied Florence, "but you gotta show me." Florence had lost a husband by desertion, but she sort of forgot how he looked, she said. She put on a man's makeup and followed him for several days. "Not him," she says.