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PROMISES NOT AMPLE

REVISED NOTE PUT INTO CODE BY EXPERTS FOR TRANSMISSION.

UP TO GERMANY NOW IS OPINION OF CRITIC

After Careful Revision of the Situation and the Document, Wilson Again Sends German Note to State Department for Transmission—Embassy Denies Current Reports.

Washington, May 13.—This morning it was announced that the note to Germany had not been sent but had been given to the president again for revision and that this had been done. The communication was returned to the state department where experts are putting it in code for transmission to Ambassador Gerard, who will present it to the German foreign office.

It emphasizes, unofficially, the need of prompt and definite answer from Berlin to be followed immediately by action according to Wilson's demands.

The note will not permit of mere promises or further discussion. In addition to asking reparation, it is believed the government has requested assurances that such incidents as the sinking of the Lusitania, the Gulfight and the aerial attack upon the Cushing will not be repeated.

It is now up to Germany to act next, the tone of the message will no doubt indicate.

REFUSAL POLICY DENIED

Statement Published Later Decried Say Answer Will Be Refused

Washington, May 13.—The German embassy denied the published statements to the effect that officials of the German embassy had outlined the position of the German government toward the American note, regarding the sinking of the Lusitania and that it will be polite and firm refusal to cease submarine warfare. The embassy statement said the officials there are ignorant of the terms of the American note and that no official has expressed any opinion upon the subject.

SECOND YPRES STAGED

Proportionately More Blood Flows Than At Ypres

Spilling of human blood at Ypres is proportionately trifling compared to that which trickled into the North Fir street gutter yesterday afternoon when two men got into trouble. The aggressor is said to have been chewed up by the defendant in the case, with the result that blood flowed freely. As soon as the police could be called and the men separated with the application of vigorous methods, the man-eating program was cut short. One of the men previously lived in La Grande.

TRIED WRONG DOOR

Too-Much-Fire-Water Victim Attempts to Get in Wrong House

Influenced overly much by fire-water, a man at one time connected with lumber camps in this vicinity yesterday evening knocked at the front door of the Frank Pike home on Washington. He wanted to get in, but Mrs. Pike convinced him it was best to move by calling upon a faithful canine. The police rounded the fellow up and he is now doing ten days on the streets for his carelessness.

Haines Controversy Ends.

Haines, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Following a lengthy and somewhat heated session of the city council last evening, which was largely attended, Marshal Davis found himself without a job—and thereby hangs a tale. There has been considerable strife recently in Haines over the question of the marshal's salary, which was recently cut by the council from \$80 to \$65 a month. A petition was presented, bearing, it is said, 35 signatures of taxpayers, asking the council to reconsider and put Marshal Davis' salary back to \$80.

The vote to discharge Davis followed a motion to that effect and stood three to four in favor of letting him go, with one member of the council absent.

The affair has stirred up much feeling and some threats of recall election on some of the council members were heard. The order of the council did not say when their action was to take effect, so Haines people are uncertain tonight whether they have a marshal or not.

Big Event Postponed

It has been found necessary to postpone the annual contests and field day meet by the L. D. S. stake. This holds true for the ball set for next Saturday night.

A WHOLE FAMILY WIPED OUT BY A GERMAN TORPEDO

Paul Crompton of Philadelphia, vice president of the Surpass Leather company of Philadelphia, and his whole family, consisting of his wife and six children, the youngest only nine months old, were among the victims, where he was associated with a sank the Lusitania off the Irish coast. Mr. Crompton was an Englishman by birth, but had been in Philadelphia for about twenty-five years. Upon coming to this country Mr. Crompton lived in New York for a time, where he was associated with a steamship company.



Mrs. Paul Crompton, in center, surrounded by her children (from left to right)—Alberta, aged twelve; Emily, aged eight; Stephen, aged four; Peter, aged nine months; Catherine, aged eleven, and John, aged six.

LUMBERMEN IN SESSION HERE

EASTERN OREGON PRODUCERS ASSEMBLE

Quarterly Meeting of Eastern Oregon Millers Held.

Quarterly business meeting came before the members of the Eastern Lumber Producers' association which is in session this afternoon in La Grande. The session convened in the La Grande National bank building and before it adjourns this evening much of interest to lumbermen will have been transacted. This association, formed a little over a year ago, meets alternately at Baker and La Grande, and the meeting today, like the others, heard discussions of questions of vital interest to the lumbering industry which has been off color for the past couple of years.

Wants to Exchange Flags.

Winnipeg, Canada, May 13.—Robertson Presbyterian Theological College of Edmonton, Canada, is in search of a college in the United States which will exchange a Stars and Stripes for the Union Jack as a souvenir and token of peaceful reminder of the 10 years of peace between the United States and Canada. Arrangements with two colleges have already failed, because the authorities of the college in the United States are afraid of offending the Germans, who are patrons or supporters of these colleges in the United States. One of these colleges had agreed to make the exchange of peace tokens, but when the war broke out objection of German patrons caused the college authorities to withdraw the agreement. Another college in the United States was then asked to make the exchange, but it, too, also refused for the same reason. Principal Dyds, of Robertson College, has already purchased a fine Union Jack and is ready to make the exchange with any United States college that will procure with an exchange of the Stars and Stripes.

Professional Golfers Tourney

New York, May 13.—Leading golf professionals are today competing on the Van Cortlandt Park links. The tournament is a two day affair.

New Bungalow Started.

Excavation has been started for a \$2500 bungalow at 2109 First street for Mrs. Sylvia Scott. H. E. Roscamp has the work in charge.

ITALIAN SHIPS SPURN TEUTONS

PASSAGE DENIED GERMANS, AUSTRIAN AND TURKS.

Five Biggest Italian Liners Will Not Carry Naturalized Americans

Rome, May 13.—Italy is very close to formal declaration of war. What was alleged to be Austria's final proposal in the interests of peace, has been definitely rejected. In official circles it is declared the government will not keep the world long in suspense and an important announcement may be made in a day or two.

New York, May 13.—Ominous indication of intentions of Italy to plunge into the war on the side of the allies was given today when representatives of the five largest Italian steamship lines admitted they had been instructed to refuse passage of men, women and children of German, Austrian or Turkish nationality, or even naturalized Americans of the same birth.

WOMEN VISIT BAKER.

Friendly Visit Paid to Baker Ladies of Maccabees.

About twenty Ladies of Maccabee went to Baker this noon, contemplating a friendly visit to the lodge at that city. It has been declared they are to receive royal treatment at the hands of Baker women, and after being feted today they will return to La Grande tonight.

To Improve Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., May 13.—Transformation of downtown Cleveland from a formal business district into a huge flower garden is planned by the retail merchants board of the Chamber of Commerce. President Charles A. Dolan of the board declared today it is planned to place flower boxes in windows of every downtown store and office building. Several were in evidence today.

ENGLAND INTERNS ALIENS

London, May 13.—All male adults of German, Austrian or Turkish birth now in England, are to be interned. There are now thousands of "Alien enemies" interned in the vast concentration camps but this number will be augmented by internment of thousands of others who are still at liberty and have been victims of violent rioting the past two days. Premier Asquith announced in the

CLOUDBURSTS IN IDAHO SERIOUS

ONE MAN KILLED AS RESULT OF RAINS

Property Damage Has Been Big—Damage to Crops As Yet Unknown

Boise, Idaho, May 13.—One life has been lost and much property damage has resulted from cloudbursts in Southern Idaho.

Robert Neitzel, president of the Murphy Land & Irrigation company, was drowned, while attempting to ford a swollen stream.

It is not known what damage to crops will be.

NEGRO IN TROUBLE

Charged With Beating His Wife With Much Vengeance

Charged with beating his wife to a degree bordering on serious consequences, Elmer Henley, a negro is in the city jail today pending his punishment decree. It is said the trouncing Mrs. Henley got was very severe.

TRACK GRIEF IS OVERCOME

BUT ONE TRAIN FROM FRISCO ON DETOUR.

Troubles on Both Roads Have Been Overcome Today.

Save one train, which is due to arrive from San Francisco tonight, there will be no further detouring of Southern Pacific trains over the O.-W. This is because troubles in Northern California have been righted, and also the trouble at Hood River has been cleared away. O.-W. trains come direct from Portland today and traffic has resumed normal conditions everywhere. This is based upon the supposition that there will be no further floods.

Cheaper Food for Students.

Madison, Wis., May 13.—In spite of the boost in the prices of food stuffs and the increasing burden of the high cost of living, the University of Wisconsin is constantly making food less costly and living cheaper for the students who patronize the institution's big cafeteria.

Three reductions in price have been made in the present school year. Meats were the first foods cut in price. From ten to twelve cents a portion, they became eight to ten cents. Vegetables and soups were next reduced from five to three cents. Pie is now four cents, instead of five cents as at the beginning of the year.

The average cost of the noon meal at the cafeteria is twenty-one cents. Breakfast costs eleven cents on the average, and supper fourteen cents. At the beginning of the present year about 275 people were served at noon on the average. This number has risen to over 500.

THIRD SHIP TORPEDOED

GOLIATH SENT TO BOTTOM AT DARDANELLES BY ENEMIES' BOMBS.

TOTAL LOSS IN MEN GIVEN AS FIVE HUNDRED

Torpedo Sinks Big Warship at Dardanelles—Announcement Made by Churchill Says About 500 Drowned or Were Killed—English Submarine Sinks Several Turkish Craft.

London, May 13.—The British warship Goliath has been torpedoed and sunk, with a loss of 500 lives. The Goliath was with the Anglo-French squadron operating in the Dardanelles and it was there that the warship was sunk. The admiralty has announced the sinking as official and placed the loss of life at 500.

The Goliath was of 13000 tons. She cost more than three and a quarter millions, and carried a normal complement of 700. The vessel was built in 1900 and was considered formidable.

Ship Is Third Lost

The Goliath is the third British warship sunk in the Dardanelles. First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill announced the loss of the Goliath in the House of Commons. He added the British submarine E-14 had succeeded in penetrating the straits and sank two Turkish gunboats and a large transport. The Turkish loss of life is not stated.

Churchill first announced the casualties of the Goliath might reach 700 but a later cablegram stated the exact figures were 20 officers and 165 men saved.

Allies Make Claims.

Paris, May 13.—"Brilliant successes" are claimed by the war office in a great battle raging in the district between Arras and the sea. In woods east of Carency the French captured additional trenches. The French have made important progress toward Lens, their main objective. The British drive on Labasse is making satisfactory progress, it is stated. Despite admission the English lost heavily, Civenchy is now in ruins and almost entirely in the hands of the British.

Dallas a Model Town

Dallas, Tex., May 13.—Among other things that this thriving Texas city boasts about is that it goes to bed earlier than any other city in the country. And, it's about right.

Night hawk, and you night hawk it, alone. By 9:30, the city streets are nearly deserted, and half hour later, the main thoroughfares look like a park at midnight. In the residential sections, scarcely a glimmer glims after that hour.

Moreover, your Dallasite believes in early rising. He is out at 6 o'clock or a wee bit later, and off for work at 7 or sooner.

Movies Aiding Prohibition

Seattle, Wash., May 13.—The "Movies" are revolutionizing the country. They are responsible for the "dry" wave sweeping the nation and ultimately will bring about prohibition and give women the ballot.

That is what Mayor H. C. Gill, told the Moving Picture Operators of Seattle at a smoker here recently, and the Mayor believes it. "You may not realize it," Mayor Gill said, "but it is your business that is revolutionizing the country. It is your business that voted the state dry at the last election in Washington. Every screen in the land is giving the bad side of the liquor traffic publicity and the films will ultimately vote the nation dry."

Stanford University Reunion.

Palo Alto, May 13.—Stanford University students returned to the old school today from all over the world to celebrate "Senior Week." program of sporting events and balls, receptions, etc., has been arranged. Chancellor David Starr Jordan is to speak on "Patriotism and the College Man."

Today's Oddest Story

San Francisco, May 13.—With the coming of the jitney bus, a brand new cause for divorce action has been presented here. Mrs. Margaret Rose appeared in court with a suit, alleging that her husband, Frank Rose, reserved the front seat of his jitney exclusively for women. Judge Graham asked Mrs. Rose if terms of peace could not be reached if her husband would agree to reserve the front seat for men and the back seat for women. Both Mrs. Rose and her jitney driving spouse said such terms would be agreeable and left the court room arm in arm.