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DIPLOMATIC REVIEW OF 1915

BY BOND P. GEDDES
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Washington, Dec. 29.—An epochal year in the United States' relations with the world family of nations marked 1915. Serious crises marked the twelvemonth; and more threaten in 1916. This nation passed safely through the vortex of the world war and the tangled skein of war politics, though often very near severing relations with European powers its peace has been threatened from within and without.

The country faces in the new year more delicate problems including new and old disputes with European belligerents.
The killing of over 100 Americans on the high seas, destruction, seizure and attacks upon American vessels, ruthless confiscation of American property and interference with American commerce, dismissal of foreign diplomats, resignation of its own Secretary of State, and European criticism of its neutrality were the outstanding events of 1915 American world diplomacy.
Peaceful settlement of the dispute with Austria over her attack upon the Italian liner Ancona, with England over her trade interference, with Germany over the Lusitania incident and with the Teutonic powers over unneutral conspiracies in this country were the quartet of dominant and delicate problems facing us in 1916.

Red Letter days on the 1915 calendar were:
March, 15—England's blockade of Germany; May 7—sinking of the Lusitania; June 9—Secretary Bryan's resignation; Aug. 19—Sinking of the Arabic; Sept. 10—Recall of Austrian Ambassador Dumba; Oct. 4—Half billion loan to the allies; Nov. 9—Sinking of the Ancona; Dec. 3—Recall of German Capt. Boy-Ed and Von Papen.
These and numberless other entanglements of the war caused Uncle Sam to break all records in diplomatic note writing. Hundreds of notes were sent. The chief year's diplomatic victory was the enforced modification by Germany of her submarine warfare.

Today the United States stands with increased power and prestige, but still weighted in most delicate and difficult complications. The passing year was rife with diplomatic dynamite. A chronicle of the more important international events follows:

January 5—U. S. agrees with England to certify non-contraband cargoes. 8—England denied unduly seizing American ships. 11—England protested transfer of cotton steamer Dacia from German to U. S. registry. 28—American Schooner William P. Frye sunk by German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

February 5—Because of German government confiscating all food stuffs, England seized American grain steamer Wilhelmina. 11—U. S. warned England and Germany not to abuse use of American flag or attack American ships. 16—German submarine blockade of England protested. 18—British note denies American commerce injured. 19—German note re-

jected American protest against sinking neutral ships in war zone about England. 20—Two notes from England affirmed right to seize steamer Wilhelmina and promised limited use of American flag. 21—American cotton steamer Evelyn sunk by mine, one American killed. 23—American cotton steamer Carib sunk by mine, two Americans killed. 27—Government began probing supplying of German warships from New York by Hamburg-American line officials. 28—France seized Dacia.

March 10—German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich arrived at Newport News and later interned. 28—Leo Thrasher American, killed when German submarine torpedoed British steamer Falaba.

April 1—French \$50,000,000 loan negotiated. 5—U. S. asks Germany for reparation for schooner William P. Frye. 6—France released August Piepen, German seized on American steamer. Note to England declares German blockade illegal. 7—Prinz Eitel Friedrich interned. Germany protested against steamer Porto Rico. 11—German raider Kronprinz Wilhelm reached Newport News. 12—Germany protests against American munitions sales to allies. 21—State Department advises Germany munition sales are made by legal right. 26—Kronprinz Wilhelm interned.

May—Lusitania sailed from New York despite German embassy warnings. 3—American steamer Gulfight torpedoed by German submarine off Scilly Isles, three Americans killed. 7—Lusitania torpedoed by German submarine, 114 Americans killed. 13—U. S. note to Germany demands disavowal Lusitania attack, reparation and cessation submarineing of ships carrying non-combatants. 25—American steamer Nebraska sunk by mine or torpedo. 30—Germany delivers reply note to Ambassador Gerard regarding Lusitania, alleging vessel armed.

June—German notes regret attacks on Cushing and Gulfight. 9—Secretary of State Bryan resigns. 10—U. S. sends second Lusitania note to Germany holding her to strict accountability. 25—England refuses to abandon German blockade. 29—Canadian liner American torpedoed, 21-American hostiles killed.

July 7—Navy Department takes control of German wireless plant at Sayville, L. I. 16—Austria in note protests against munitions sales to allies. 18—Cunarder Orduna unsuccessfully chased by submarine. 23—U. S. sends third Lusitania note to Germany, saying or advising that a repetition will be considered "deliberately unfriendly." 27—American steamer Leelan submarine crew saved.

August 4—Three notes from England uphold orders-in-council, German blockade and American commerce interferences. Note from Germany defends sinking schooner William P. Frye but agrees to payment of damages. 16—U. S. advises Austria that munitions sales are legal. Correspondence revealing operations of German agents published. 19—Ara-

many agrees to sink no more liners without warning. 2—James F. J. Archibald's arrest at Falmouth discloses carrying documents for Austrian Ambassador Dumba, and Capt. Von Papen. 3—Cardinal Gibbons presents Pope's peace plea to President Wilson. 4—British ship Hesperian torpedoed or mined. 9—Germany delivers note declaring Arabic attacked German submarine. 10—U. S. demands Austrian Ambassador Dumba's recall. 17—England seizes \$15,000,000 worth of American meat cargoes. 24—England agrees to release American goods held at Rotterdam. 29—Anglo-French half billion loan negotiated.

October 2—English note denies discriminating against American trade. 5—Germany disavows sinking Arabic and offers reparation. 5—U. S. warns Turkey against Armenian massacres. November 1—England seizes American steamer Hocking. 8—Germany disclaims responsibility for American passport frauds. 8—U. S. sends 15,000 word note to England protesting against trade interferences, declaring German blockade illegal. 9—Italian liner Ancona torpedoed by Austrian submarine in Mediterranean. Americans killed. 12—Dr. Joseph Gorica's charges against Austrian Consul General Nuber and other Austro-German diplomats published. 24—Henry Ford chafers peace ship. 24—Ambassador Willock returns from Belgium. 24—Austrian Charge Zwi-dinek complains against criticism of Consul Von Nuber.

December 3—U. S. demands recall of Capt. Boy-Ed and Von Papen. 9—U. S. sends note to Austria demanding disavowal of Ancona attack.

Dokies' to Meet.

Khaled Temple, No. 170, La Grande D. O. K. K., will hold a meeting Thursday evening, December 30, at K. of P. hall at 7:30 o'clock. By order of H. C. Rees, Secretary.—Adv.

McComas May Run for Delegate.

Pendleton, Dec. 28.—E. W. McComas is seriously considering entering the race for delegate to the Republican national convention in Chicago, June 7. He has not yet fully decided whether he will make the race or not but his friends are strongly urging him to go out and get it.

So far, there is not a single avowed candidate for the Republican honors from Pendleton, but there are two Democrats who have announced themselves. Will M. Peterson and Wes N. Matlock. J. N. Burgess has been urged to make the race in the Republican primaries but has not yet said definitely whether or not he would be a candidate or whether, if a candidate, he would run from this congressional district or from the state at large. It is understood that if Mr. McComas runs he will do so as an opposition candidate to Senator Burgess.

The district which comprises all of Eastern Oregon is entitled to two delegates both in the Republican and Democratic conventions, and the state at large is entitled to four more. However, the general impression seems to be that the four at large will come from Portland or the Valley and there will not be much use for an Eastern Oregon man to run on that ticket. This being the case practically all the men from this section will have to run as delegates from this district. This is true of both the Republican and Democratic parties and while there are at present only two possibilities in the Republican race it is more than likely there will be others before the date of the primaries.

FREIGHT ADVANCES ALLOWED

Recent Interstate Commerce Ruling Grants Higher Rates.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Railroads operating between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and the Rocky Mountains were granted increases in freight rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission today on many commodities, including agricultural implements, canned goods and boots and shoes.

No estimate of the additional revenues the roads will derive from the advances is contained in the commission's report on the case, but it will amount into the hundreds of thousands annually, despite the fact that numerous increases sought were denied.

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There is a considerable movement of wheat throughout the valley. Some estimate the amount turning hands in the past week at 100,000 bushels. The general range of prices paid is in the neighborhood of 90 cents it is reported.

GLEE CLUB ARRIVES.

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Harold A. Wade, '19, Waitsburg, Wash.
La Grande's quota of representatives on the club is this year cut to one—Merlin Batley, president of the organization. In addition to this office he holds the presidency of the senior class and is varsity yell leader. These are two of the most important positions in the student body.

At Pendleton last night the club got away on its right foot. The audience was large and the interest keen. Every number was encored, and the general

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al impression in Pendleton today is that the club is superior to any of the previous representations in that department from Oregon in a number of years.

L. E. Tooze's Brother Here.
L. O. Tooze, a brother of L. E. Tooze who is now in Norway with the Ford peace commission, is business manager of the club this year. "Our houses at The Dalles and Pendleton were both large and appreciative," said Mr. Tooze today. "La Grande has had the reputation of turning out the banner audiences of Eastern Oregon towns during the past few seasons' tours and we expect tonight's concert to be no exception. This year's program is undoubtedly better balanced and represents a

greater variety of talent, than any that has come from Oregon in recent years."

The program begins at 8:15.

TWO NEW MUSICIANS.

La Grande Is to Have Two New Musicians Within a Short Time.

A cornet player and a trap drummer are to be added to La Grande's musical circles.

Alvin C. Quinter, a band leader of Boise, arrived in La Grande recently and will locate here permanently. Mr. Quinter has been in La Grande before and is quite well known in musical circles. Just recently he has been in Walla Walla.

Eddie Ford, of Portland, will arrive soon to take the position of trap drummer at the Arcade and he will become a member of Heacock's orchestra as soon as he arrives.

Ends With Land Opening

Imperial, Cal. Dec. 29.—Seven thousand acres of land in the Imperial Valley were thrown open for entry by the Government today, following one of the most remarkable settler sieges on record.

Two months ago hundreds of claimants came upon the land, determined to camp on desirable locations until filing time. For weeks the tense situation has existed. Bearded men, rifles ready, walked sentry-go on

their chosen territory, ready to make it hot for trespassers.

At night scores of bonfires dotted the landscape and in the glow from the flames the settlers could be seen preserving their vigilance. Several men built cabins. On account of conflicting claims, the government may have many legal skeins to unravel.

Miss Margaret Wilson to Preside

Washington, D. C. Dec. 29.—Following the business session of the American Civic Federation this morning E. L. Millard, Chicago, of the Billboards committee, was to speak on "Present Legal Aspects to the Bill board Problem." Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley of the Committee on Noise Nuisance, Philadelphia and Mrs. Elmer E. Black of the Committee on Markets, New York, were to report.

Miss Margaret Wilson is to preside at this afternoon's session, devoted to a discussion of "Schools as Community Centers." Prof. E. J. Ward, University of Wisconsin, is to speak on "Community Center Organization for National Defense and World Adjustments." and Charles E. North, New York, on "A Community Center At Work." Miss Zona Gale, authoress Portage, Wis. read a short story.

Delegates to the American Civic Association this evening will attend a reception to the Pan-American Scientific Congress at the Smithsonian Institution.

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