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ENGLAND WILL SPURN DEMAND FROM AMERICA

NAVAL BLOCKADE NOW HELD TO BE LEGAL WAR EFFECT AND NOT REPRISAL

INFORMATION COMES FROM HIGH OFFICIALS

Contention Is That Finding of Alleged Incriminating Papers Upon von Pappen Will so Stimulate Anti-Teutonic Feeling in America That Demands May Drop.

London, Jan. 15.—England executed a clever stroke, officials declared, in publishing the seized documents on Von Pappen, which are believed to show payments for anti-ally activities in America. Authorities believed this will check American agitation and protests against the British blockade. Responsible officials have stated England won't abandon the blockade, despite American protests. It is said this has developed into a legal war blockade, although originally the measure was a reprisal against submarine attacks.

SEVERAL SEA ACCIDENTS.

Spanish Boat Mined, and Two British Ships Collided.

London, Jan. 15.—Twenty-five members of the crew of the Spanish steamer Bayon perished when the vessel was mined. One was saved. Several were drowned when the British steamers Argus and Larchwood collided in the British Channel. Argus landed the Larchwood survivors.

GREY'S SUGGESTION SPURNED. American Naval Officers Won't Be Allowed to Arbitrate.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—(Wireless to Sayville)—Germany has rejected the suggestion of Lord Grey that the Baralong case be submitted to an investigation court of American naval officers.

UNCLE SAM'S MAIL CENSORED.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—(By Mail)—Ambassador Gerard has sent sixteen notes to the Foreign Office since the beginning of the war, protesting against the censoring of Embassy mail at the German border by the military authorities. Accompanying each protest was from five to twenty envelopes bearing the mark of the military censor showing that the letters were opened under "the rights of war."

These instances do not refer to the official sealed pouches of the American government, but only to general correspondence to the embassy from the United States and other countries. This has applied particularly to the Ambassador's personal mail from the United States. The notes were written on the theory that the mail of a neutral ambassador or embassy is not subject to censorship even in war time. No official explanation ever has been made of the opening of the ambassador's mail, but it is believed this mail, entering Germany with all other mail, is opened by the censor, who opens everything he gets his hands on.

The official mail of the United States travels by courier. Once every week a courier comes from London to Berlin with a pouch forwarded from Washington. Once every week he returns to London with a pouch from Germany. These pouches are securely sealed and so far no official pouch has been opened by the German authorities and no regular courier has been interrupted. The couriers declare that German, English and Dutch officials do everything possible to assist them in their monotonous task of traveling by the fastest route every week to and from London and Berlin. So far as the American Embassy in Berlin knows official documents have been tampered with but once and that was aboard an English liner en route from Liverpool to the United States. In a pouch from Germany one of the military attaches was sending a secret report to the Navy Department at Washington concerning Germany's aeroplanes. This report was sealed in Berlin and reached London in the same shape, but when it arrived in Washington the seals had been broken and the report revealed with an imitation.

Week in and week out, many personal letters from the United States to Americans in Germany filter through bearing no evidences that they were opened by German censors. Often, though one will receive letters with stamps in two or three places showing they were handled by more than one censor.

All mail leaving Germany, how-

AMERICAN ZEPPELIN BOMB WIDOW AND ORPHANS.



Mrs. James Blakley and her two sons, Foster, aged four, and James aged five, have come back to the United States from London, where her husband was killed as the result of a Zeppelin bomb explosion near the Gaiety theatre. Mrs. Blakley is an American, well known on the stage as Grace Ripelle. Her husband was a victim of heart disease, and when the Zeppelin bombs burst near the theatre, Oct. 15, he died of shock.

ever, is subject to the most careful examination. New rules which recently went into effect, provide that picture postcards, especially postcards of public buildings, cannot be sent outside Germany. Spies have been using this means of communicating with their Allies in neutral countries. Another new provision is that envelopes lined with thin tissue paper cannot be used to send letters outside of Germany because spies can too easily hide something between the envelope and the tissue lining. Thus one can see why mail censors have developed a prodigious ability to pry into letters and postcards of all kinds, no matter what the origin or destination.

GET TOGETHER MEETING.

Commercial Club Members to Hear Messages on Good Roads.

Secretary Fred Currey of the La Grande Commercial club announces that there will be a "get together" meeting of the club held on Tuesday evening, January 18. There is to be a banquet and several important matters will be discussed, principally that of roads.

It is expected to have present representatives from various sections of the county. But the big feature will be the presence of Mr. S. Benson, the well known Portland capitalist and road enthusiast. Also Rufus D. Holman, county commissioner of Multnomah county, and like Mr. Benson, one of the prime stays of the Columbia highway. The meeting and banquet is to be held in the Methodist church. Further and more definite announcement will be given out next week.

WAVES SWAMP BOAT, DROWNING 3

Tacoma, Jan. 15.—Three are known to have drowned, while ten were rescued—some of them injured—when the gasoline boat Victor II was swamped off Point Defiance, five miles from Tacoma, today at noon. It is believed that others may have perished, although Capt. Wood asserted that all the passengers had been accounted for. The dead are: WALTER BOWER, aged twenty-three.

FLORENCE BOWER, aged seventeen.

UNIDENTIFIED BOY, aged about fifteen.

The rescued were William Clark, George Babcock, Pete Sandberg, R. H. Wayson, John Sylvester, Mrs. O. S. Bower, Miss Bower and Chas. McGinniss.

A heavy squall was blowing and it is believed that big waves shifted the lumber cargo and capsized the boat. Rescue launches had difficulty in reaching the scene. The waves smashed a pleasure craft, several

FORD PARTY STARTS HOME

SUITCASES PACKED AND SHIP SAILS TONIGHT.

Promise of Seeing Good Old U. S. A. Soon Cheers Delegates.

The Hague, Jan. 15.—The Ford peace junket has ended. The boys are still in the trenches. Delegates have packed their suitcases, overjoyed at the sight of seeing the Statue of Liberty before another week. They board the liner at Rotterdam tonight.

Several of the leaders are remaining to start a permanent peace tribunal. This will cost Ford \$10,000 weekly.

YANKEE U-BOAT EXPLODES.

Fatalities Result From Accident in the E2.

New York, Jan. 15.—One was killed, three fatally injured and 12 seriously hurt by an explosion aboard the submarine E2 at Brooklyn navy yard.

Token Bestowed.

At the conclusion of the installation of the W. R. C. today Mrs. Morgan, who is entering her 2nd term as president, was presented with a souvenir bracelet in appreciation of her faithful services in behalf of the local corps.

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barges and boat houses. The steamer Atlanta stood by and rescued ten, securing the bodies of the drowned.

NO TROUBLE ON BRANCH LINE.

Trains Move With Regularity Regardless of Weather.

With wind and snow to the east and the west the branch line service has been undisturbed on account of weather conditions. Down the valley there is some deep snow in the cuts but this has not as yet interfered. There is one place in the canyon this side of Elgin where slow running is required. That is alongside a steep cliff. The snow that is liable to bother at this point is that which rolls off the steep hill in heavy quantities, something like an avalanche, but there has been no bother of this kind thus far. In what is called the "Galloway" cut, which is located below Elgin the roadway is well protected with snow fences.

In the Wallows valley the snow is

King Nicholas Is In Hiding

WATER STATUS HOLDING ITS OWN.

Although La Grande is no worse off today than yesterday, in regard to the municipal water supply, neither can it be said that there is any improvement. The water superintendent reports some observation and recognition of the appeal to conserve the supply but that there is only a limited effort in that line.

La Grande is not lonesome in that respect for many states of the Northwest have cities in the same predicament. Extreme cold weather has hurt water supplies everywhere.

BOREAS FOOLS PUBLIC GUESS

EXPECTED LOW RECORD DIDN'T SHOW UP.

Middlewestern States Promised Even Greater Cold Snap.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Colder weather than any yet experienced is destined to strike the middle west tomorrow, the forecaster has said. Light snows are predicted throughout the area.

When the wind went down early last night, the mercury ceased its downward splash, and although predictions of a new cold record for the decade were made on every hand last evening, Mr. Mercury took a new tact and didn't get below three above zero for the night. Last evening saw one of the most bitter windstorms in the recollection of many pioneers. The wind, however, was the chief grief for when it went down, the weather moderated quickly.

On the heels of yesterday's storm, today has been pleasant and oceans of sunshine ruled. Predictions are that the crest of the storm has been reached.

about the same depth as in Grande Ronde, but in the Grande Ronde canyon it is deeper, averaging about two feet on the level. But on no part of the road from La Grande to Joseph has there been special difficulty in the regular movement of trains on account of the snow, and the schedule is made at all points practically "on the dot."

Eastern Family Arrives.

S. D. Cochran, accompanied by Mrs. Cochran, arrived here yesterday from Harrison, Boone County, Arkansas, to visit his brother, John Cochran, of this city. Mr. Cochran visited La Grande about two years ago and liked the city so well that he has decided to locate here. He is the owner of one of the largest farms in Boone county and is a prominent stockman and farmer in that section.

"DICK TO DICK" IN COURT.



Mrs. Frank Pease.

Mrs. Frank Pease, the young woman who as Mabelle Foster Abbott, was the discoverer of the famous "Dick to Dick" letter, alleged to have been written by Richard S. Ryan, a promoter, to Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior in the Taft administration, is going into court in New York in an action, the trial of which may throw some light on that famous case. She is suing a street railroad company for injuries. It was Mrs. Pease, then Miss Abbott, who, investigating for a weekly publication, said she saw the "Dick to Dick" postscript to the letter. In some way it mysteriously disappeared from the interior department files.

HENRY FORD



Peace Propagandist Whose Party Leaves Tonight From Rotterdam for Home.

DRAMA UNHURT BY RULING FADS

"Eternality of the drama is as fixed and definite as eternality of man; we don't know the beginning of man, neither do we know the beginning of the drama; it will never end for as long as man lives reflection of man—which is drama—will live with him."

Thus spoke William Owen, Shakespearean delineator and one of the foremost exponents of the true drama in the country today, when the old stock question of Movies vs. Drama was put to him while he rested on his pillow in the Sommer hotel. He and his company of seven put "The Servant in the House" before the Neighborhood club lyceum tonight at the high school commencing at 9 o'clock. It is a dramatic production with scenes and acting—the old fashioned drama came back to La Grande.

A mere suggestion that the movies have drowned out the drama, puts William Owen into a state of readiness for combat. "No! no! the drama is not dead, nor dying" he exclaimed. "It's not the fault of the movies primarily that drama is where it is; treatise managers, tin horn sports sports who aimed only to squeeze out a nickle or two, had no thought of up-building an institution, put it where it is. No institution nor nation can thrive under a squeeze for money. I maintain that the skating rink fad was in its day greater than the movies fad today; I have seen the bicycle carry the populace away. The drama lives in spite of fads for it is a reflection of man; a desire on man's part to see himself from all sides in relation to other men; to note with his living eye, the struggle between passion and love and see it from behind, in front, the side and by colors; the screen can't reflect man that way, it is artificial. You see reflection only on a flat surface."

War vs. Art was an interesting sub-theme Mr. Owen discussed in the interview. "War has stopped art. Europe is so noisy with the booming of cannon that we hear nothing else. While we have lost priceless art galleries, art itself will come out unconquered in the end, but right now art is stifled by the war; it has hurt the drama in the entire world—has hurt all art."

"I am not alarmed. In the end it will be alright, and in the end drama will rule supreme for, like man, its eternality is a verity."

Mr. Owen is not an old man, but a man of wide experience. He has played Shakespeare's plays up and down the great Mississippi valley until every school child in the middle states knows of or has heard William Owen.

P. E. O. Have Program.

The P. E. O. met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. K. Wright. Mrs. Stanchfield was leader of the program for the day and an excellent meeting was held.

DISORGANIZED FORCES CREEP INTO ALBANIA

ROUT AT CETTINJE COMPLETE BUT DIPLOMATIC CORPS ESCAPED IN SAFETY.

RUSSIANS SHOW MUCH POWER ON OFFENSIVE

Bitter Fighting in Progress in Balkan States and Toward Russia Where Austrians Are Reported to Have Lost Many Men, Dead, Wounded and by Prison Route.

Rome, Jan. 15.—Austrians compelled Montenegrins to evacuate Cetinje but the diplomatic corps at that capital successfully reached Scutari, Albania.

The King in Hiding. While stragglers from the Montenegrin army are entering Albania to escape capture, guerrillas are harassing the victorious Austrians and bloody fighting is in progress northwest of Scutari. But the whereabouts of King Nicholas, is a mystery. It is believed he is hiding in Scutari where he will negotiate for separate peace with Austria. The Cetinje forces are virtually surrounded.

Russian Offensive Strong. London, Jan. 15.—Austrians lost thousands of men, including 10,000 prisoners in the recent Russian offensive; chronicles to Petrograd have said. How desperate the Austrian plight is was indicated by the fact General Bothmer destroyed bridges nearby to prevent his troops retreating across the Strypa. Clinging to the east bank, the Teutons were exposed to a tremendous fire by the Russian artillery.

MONTENEGRINS RETREAT.

Fall of Cetinje Leads to General Withdrawal Toward Serbia.

Vienna, Jan. 15.—Abandoning Cetinje, Montenegrins have retreated along the whole southwest front, toward Albania, it is officially announced. It is said Russians have renewed the offensive around Czernowitz.

SKI TRIP ENJOYED.

Novices Hurdle Cabins and Have Other Winter Sports.

Something out of the ordinary in the way of sport was enjoyed last Sunday by about a dozen youths and young men who took a ski trip to the Blumenstein ranch near the top of Mt. Emily. As the skis were home-made and few of the party were experts at it, the trip was rather much of an endurance test for several of the party. Frank Perry, Jay Miller, Carl Parent, Chas. Ethel and J. H. Blumenstein were already up there and the entire party greatly enjoyed the novel sport of racing down a steep incline and using one of the cabins for a hurdle, as it were. Going up one side of the roof and down the other at great speed proved to be the "downfall" of many of the party. The capers and antics of the rider being greatly enjoyed by the onlookers. A few of the party, led by Jay Miller, made a side trip to the top of Mt. Emily. They reported great depth of snow and were probably the first ones to scale the famous peak at this time of the year. At Blumenstein's the average depth of snow was five feet or better. After enjoying one of the very best sports for a few hours the boys from La Grande left for home. The descent being far easier than the ascent. All agreed that they had enjoyed a very exhilarating time.

MIDNIGHT SHOOTING FATAL.

Jealous Husband Kills Wife and Two Others Suffer in Shooting.

El Centro, Calif., Jan. 14.—Mrs. A. L. Bell is dead, her divorced husband dying, and two others are seriously wounded as the result of a midnight shooting affray when Bell, enraged, attempted to kill everybody in the Oregon hotel and then committed suicide. The police believe Bell was temporarily insane with jealousy.

Jamison Man in Town.

Ivan E. Oakes, of Jamison, Ore., is a visitor in the city today on business and pleasure bent.

Water Chief to Bend.

George T. Cochran, state water superintendent, leaves tonight for Bend to adjust water matters.