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MASSES LOSING PATIENCE SAYS C. W. ACKERMAN

NEWEST GERMAN DECREE IS TAKEN AT HOME AS A FORE-GONE CONCLUSION.

LUSITANIA PATIENCE IS EXHAUSTED COMPLETELY

Ackerman Points Out that Feeling in Germany is, Americans Must Hereafter Travel on Unarmed Vessels—American Protesters Have No Effect—Yankees Already Blamed.

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.
Berlin, Feb. 22.—Germany's patience toward America is vanishing. There is not the slightest desire manifest to postpone the Teutonic decree of warfare against armed merchantmen because of American protests. It is popularly felt that Americans must suffer the consequences if they embark on armed ships instead of seeking passage upon neutral or unarmed vessels.

Former Patience Gone.
Patience Germany displayed toward America during the Lusitania negotiations no longer exist because popular feeling in America has already hindered Germany's plans.

FORMAL NOTE CONSIDERED.
Personal Negotiations Useless—Lansing and Envoy Animous.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The administration has practically decided today to end the informal conference between Lansing and Bernstorff and dispatch a formal note to Germany emphasizing the need of unequivocal assurances about the Teutonic warfare. The only thing possible to frustrate this plan is the arrival of definite assurances the Teutonic proclamation of warfare against armed merchantment won't become effective March 1st. It is reported the administration has concluded confidential discussions of the situation have outlived their usefulness because of personal animosity between Lansing and Bernstorff.

Hero Funds Large.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The State Department spends about \$200 a year for water, medals and other testimonials it gives to foreigners who save the lives of Americans at sea.

If the rescuer is a common seaman who accomplishes the rescue through his own initiative and individual heroism, he is presented with a gold medal containing \$20 worth of gold and inscribed with his name.

The presentation inscription reads, "from the President of the United States." If an officer of a ship figures in the rescue he gets a handsome gold watch and chain or a pair of the finest binoculars manufactured. A supply of medals, watches, chains and binoculars always is kept on hand in the office of the Chief Clerk of the state department.

STRUCK FLOWING WATER.

New Artesian Well Located on the Freeman Ladd Farm.

R. A. West has been awarded an artesian flow of water from a well which he sunk on the Freeman Ladd farm five miles north of Island City. Yesterday Mr. West applied the pump which delivered seven and a half gallons per minute. Sometime last night the flow began voluntarily, the water rising out of the top of the pipe which is three and a half feet above the ground.

The well is 690 feet deep. Mr. West commenced work on the project last October, but there have been many delays on account of the winter weather since that time. The water, which is the usual case with artesian flows, is slightly warm, but is of the finest quality.

The well was sunk close to the residence and will give an abundant house supply. "In addition to that," says Mr. West, "it will be an easy matter to tap the pipe two and a half feet below the surface and still conduct water to all parts of the barn and feeding lots which are on a lower elevation than the house. There will be a fine water supply without pumping for all purposes on the ranch."

Mr. West's first success in the artesian line was in striking the flow in the railroad yards nine years ago, and this well still yields a large part of the company's water supply at La Grande. The well on the Ladd place makes fourteen flowing wells to Mr. West's credit.

MARVELOUS SPEED USED WITH RADIO

LA GRANDE AS RELAY STATION TALKS WITH GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

BOY SCOUTS ESTABLISH WHAT IS LIKELY RECORD

Salt Lake and Lacy, Washington, Get Message from Here Rather Than Denver—Hoquiam, Washington, Takes La Grande Rather Than Lacy Relay.

While there won't be any definite information on the subject for some little time, it is believed that La Grande established a record above all other cities in the United States last night in handling the American Amateur Radio association message sent out from the Rock Island Arsenal to all radio stations in the country to be delivered to the various mayors in receiving towns. Everywhere, conditions being favorable, the message was received from the radio amateurs and delivered by Boy Scouts to the executives of each city. In La Grande remarkable good time was made.

Boy Scouts Do Race.
The message was received from Grand Forks, N. D., by O. M. Heacock on West Main street, the last word coming in at 9:45. One minute was spent in getting the message ready for the Boy Scouts, and a few seconds after 9:55 Scout Rush raced out of the Heacock home, handing the message by relay to the various runners.

The order in which the boys composing troops No. 2 of the Boy Scouts, received and carried the message in relay from the Heacock Radio Station at the head of Main Street to the City Hall was as follows: 1st Robert Rush; 2nd Alfred Robbins; 3rd Max Cullen; 4th Warren Viuhac; 5th Frank Tuckey; 6th Gilbert Swart; 7th Thomas Hill and 8th Jack Rogers who delivered the message to Manager Lafkey. The distance the message was carried by the boys was something over 9 blocks and the time was about 2 minutes and 10 seconds.

It was precisely 9:58 when the document was handed to City Manager F. L. Lafkey at the city hall, the Scouts having carried it nearly 10 blocks. When the city manager opened the radio message, he read the following:

Patriotism Urged.
"Davenport, Iowa, Feb. 21, 1915.—From U. S. Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill., Q. S. T. (All stations attention.) Amateur relay message: A Democracy requires that a people who govern and educate themselves should be so armed and disciplined that they can protect themselves. (Signed) Colonel Nicholson, commandant."

Immediately after receiving the message from Grand Forks, Mr. Heacock verified it from Denver, finding two slight errors in the first. At 10 o'clock he commenced relaying to Lacy, Washington, and then repeated the message so that all amateurs in and about Portland and sound cities might get it. It seems to be a fact that radio stations in Seattle can hear Mr. Heacock much more clearly than they can Portland; for that reason La Grande was chosen as a relay station rather than Portland. Numerous interference from coast business is deemed the cause of this. San Francisco no doubt picked up the Heacock message. Salt Lake had the most trouble of all. While La Grande heard Denver clearly, Salt Lake had to get it from La Grande, and even then had some trouble. The great difficulty in the message came with the words "Govern" and "Nicholson."

Frank Bay and Ernest Reisland, listening in at the Bay station on Adams avenue, got the relay out of here clearly. George Gooddred at Union picked it up accurately and read a correct copy of it to the Observer this morning. Hoquiam picked it up readily from La Grande without waiting for Lacy to relay.

This process went on throughout the entire United States.

FIRE KILLS FIVE.

Four Die in Rooms, Fifth Jumps On to Fence, Dying Therefrom.

New York, Feb. 22.—Five were killed early today when fire swept a theatrical boarding house on West Forty-Fifth street. Four perished in their rooms. The fifth, an unidentified man, jumped from the fourth story window and struck a fence. Guests in nearby hotels were aroused and caused a panic.

Washington Belles to Marry in Leap Year

WASHINGTON SOCIETY BEAUTIES WHO ARE SOON TO BE MARRIED.



Washington, Feb. 23.—These beauties of Washington society will be married soon:

Miss Marta Hersilia Calvo, daughter of the former U. S. minister to Costa Rica, a great favorite in Washington society where she has lived all her life, is soon to marry Thomas Dempsey Harrington, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Harrington of Boston. Miss Calvo made her debut two years ago. Mr. Harrington is a graduate of one

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BLACKMAILING GANG BARED BY GIRL'S STORY

WEALTHY MEN OF NATIONAL REPUTATION DUPES OF BOLD GANGS.

TWO WOMEN ARRESTED ON GIRL'S CONFESSION

Photographs Taken of Men Victims, Near Pretty Girl—Attorneys Would Work Game—Large Sums Taken from Men of International Renown.

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Lillian Peterson of Billings, Mont., and Isabelle Clayberg, of Los Angeles, charged with blackmailing a millionaire Seattle lumberman.

Authorities declare another woman has confessed, saying these are members of a blackmail syndicate which has preyed on wealthy and influential men of the Pacific coast for several years.

Photographs were used for the purpose of blackmailing the wealthy. After the photograph of the victim with a pretty woman was secured, a member of a law firm would call the man to his office. There he would inform him his wife was about to start divorce proceedings through another attorney. He would show him a copy of the photograph.

Invariably the victim "came through" with a large sum. Multimillionaires and men of national and international reputations were among the dupes.

MR. FRAWLEY CANDIDATE.

County Treasurer Seeks Renomination by Republicans.

John Frawley has "planked down" \$20.00 as a pre-requisite to becoming a primary candidate. He seeks the renomination by Republicans for the office of county treasurer, a post he has held several terms. "I have no especial platform to announce," said Mr. Frawley, "other than that I shall, if re-elected give the greatest possible care and attention to the office that is in me—as I have tried to do in the past."

Another candidate to come out today is M. A. Faulk, who wants the Republican nomination for constable of this district.

COLONIST RATES RESUMED.

March and April to See Reduced Rates to the West Again.

After abandoning the practice for one year, railroads announce that colonist rates will be effective to the west in 1916.

The rates become effective March 25th and run until April 14th. They are not as low, quite, as they were a couple of years ago, but have enough reduction to attract some notice. The rate is a substantial reduction to Seattle points, and even Portland, but not so liberal to interior cities such as La Grande. The companies will charge \$40.50 from Chicago; \$32.50 from St. Paul and most of the Missouri river points.

It was thought that when the roads quit the colonist rates in 1915 they were doing so for keeps, but the orders promulgated yesterday give the denial to this supposition.

CHARITY BALL FRIDAY NIGHT.

Promises of elegant weather for the week-end has enthused the promoters of the annual Charity ball arranged by members of the Wednesday Bridge club. After several postponements, due to bad weather and other contrary conditions, the event has been set down, finally, for Friday evening. It will be held at Rex hall. The proceeds will go directly to Miss Olive Childers, head of the Salvation Army department, for distribution through the most-needed charity channels. The tickets will be \$2.50 each and all efforts possible to get out a big crowd has been exerted, this being especially true in view of the well-regulated charity circles the money will divert to.

GERMANS TAKE MANY TRENCHES

FRENCH CLAIM THEIR RECAPTURE, HOWEVER.

Vigorous Assaults Defended by Third Line French Trenches.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—It is officially announced Germans captured 800 yards of French trenches and 326 prisoners east of Souchez.

Trenches Taken and Retaken.
Paris, Feb. 22.—Seven German battalions carried more than half mile of first-line French trenches and also second line trenches at many points in the Bois-Givency region, it is officially admitted. Counter attacks drove the invaders from practically all sections of the lines. Germans lost heavily.

After gas and artillery attacks for several hours the Germans charged. Cannon destroyed the first line trenches at many points. Afterwards the Teutons used 8000 men in successive attacks along a front of less than a mile. Shrapnel, machine gun fire, and explosive shells from the French lines caused heavy losses in the ranks of the attackers.

Counter attacks by French were conducted from third line trenches.

MANY MEET DEATH.

Trains Pile Up on New Haven Road, and Many Meet Their Death.

New York, Feb. 22.—Three trains piled up near Milford, Conn., on the New Haven road today, killing six passengers, four trainmen and injuring 16 others.

At four this afternoon the New Haven office revised the lists and said only six were dead.

LUMBER MAGNATE HERE.

One of California's Foremost Lumbermen in La Grande.

George X. Wendling, one of California's foremost lumbermen, and owner of a string of mills in that state, is in La Grande today having a friendly visit with George Palmer, president of the George Palmer Lumber company. Mr. Wendling may remain a day or two. He reports the lumber future good in his part of the country.

Peculiar Facts About Well Known People.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Representative Garner of Texas has more Mexican constituents than any House member; also he has more Angora goats, and they are among the finest bred in the country.

SIXTY TOTS TO PUT ON DRAMA

TOM THUMB'S WEDDING SET FOR MARCH THIRD.

Kansas City People to Direct for P. E. O. of La Grande.

Forty little girls and 20 little boys, grouped in a single troupe of foot-light performers, will stage "Tom Thumb's Wedding" in this city March 3rd. Chapter I of P. E. O., an association of college women who are prominently concerned with sending needy girls through college, and while doing so, have social functions too, are sponsors for the mammoth production adapted to children. C. A. Rose of Kansas City is to be the director in charge, and the week before the production is put on will have a lady here to train the children in their parts.

"Tom Thumb's Wedding" is always an attractive home-talent show and gives numerous little tots opportunity to display their cunningness before admiring friends and fond parents. It is said that the directors coming here for that week are exceptionally clever people, and La Grande will no doubt get a splendid performance on that occasion.

Suffrage Backers Meet.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Suffragists are scheduled to meet here today on a legislative battle ground. The legislature has set a public hearing on the pending constitutional amendment, providing for equal suffrage. A similar referendum was defeated by last November's elections. The suffragists anxious to re-submit the question to the 1917 polls favor the present measure. Influenced by last fall's defeat, legislative leaders say they are "pretty busy to bother with suffrage this year." Advocates of "the cause," however, have a well-organized lobby in operation and "refuse to be put off."

OAKLAND PLANT DESTROYED.

Powder Works Goes up at Noon by Explosion Killing One.
Oakland, Feb. 22.—The Trojan Powder works at San Lorenzo blew up at 12:30 o'clock today. One was killed.

Woman Wants Seat in Legislature.

Salem, Or., Feb. 21.—"Although I did not favor woman suffrage, I believe that now that women have the privilege of the ballot, it is the duty of every woman to take an interest in politics and vote," said Mrs. Alice H. Page, wife of Roland K. Page, an attorney of this city, in announcing her candidacy in the Republican primaries for nomination for representative in the legislature.

GUNMEN SENT OUT OF CITY

CONDUCTOR GIVEN CHARGE OF CHINESE.

Portland Victim Dead—Peace Party Steps to Front.

Twists of czar-like police screws seemed the only practical method—on highbinders and friends of highbinders, have, it is believed, put a stop to further importation of gunmen to La Grande while the tong wars are on, and have a tendency of cowering those already here. The two who were rounded up by Chief of Police Ardery yesterday were last night released, with conditions. Their Chinese friends bought tickets to Boise for them, and the police department turned them over to the conductor who was instructed to inform the police here if they left the train anywhere, or whether not properly turned over to the shortline conductor.

Peace Earnestly Sought.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—In an effort to stop the bloodshed and war between Hop Sing and Bo Leong tongs, the Chinese peace secretary has sent the president and two delegates to Portland and Seattle today. In the meantime Chinatown expects a new outbreak any moment or declaration of peace.

Portland Victim Dead.

Portland, Feb. 22.—Wong Ching, a tong man shot yesterday in a running fight with Hop Sing highbinders, died this morning. The police have started a general cleanup of Chinatown, arresting several suspects carrying revolvers. Some were turned over to government authorities and deportation is probable.

Julian Alabero, a half caste Chinese, is held.

To Aid Discharged Workers.

Salem, Or., Feb. 21.—Declaring that complaints come to his office weekly from laboring men who are unable to obtain their wages from employers after being discharged, Labor Commissioner Hoff said today that he would ask the next legislature to pass a bill penalizing such employers.

GERARD SUFFERS INJURY.

American Envoy at Berlin Has Broken Collarbone, Says Report

Berlin, Feb. 22.—American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin has a broken collarbone as the result of an accident