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SUBMARINE ISSUE NOW AT GRAVE CRISIS

TERRORISM AT SEA DURING
PAST FEW DAYS BRINGS
FRESH DISPUTES

EAGLE POINT INCIDENT OVERSHADOWS THE SUSSEX

Believed Immediate Settlement Must
Come or Break Follow—One Issue
Follows Another in Rapid Succes-
sion—Daniels Heckled When He
Appears Before House Naval Com-
mittee.

Washington, March 30.—Any expectation that the administration would recede in its determination to sever diplomatic relations with Germany if it is proved that a Teuton submarine torpedoed the Sussex, have been removed, it is understood, by the attack on the British vessel Eagle Point, sunk without warning, endangering American lives. Prompt and complete settlement of the whole submarine issue is the only development that can prevent the threatened rupture, it is officially stated.

Some believe a settlement is more probable after the break of relations than now.

Congressmen Heckle Daniels
Washington, March 30.—Attempt of "Big Navy" members to heckle Secretary Josephus Daniels while he addressed the House naval committee was foiled by Chairman Padgett today. The secretary said he favored bringing the personnel of enlisted men up to 68,000, amid repeated efforts to interrupt. The chairman finally silenced those who sought to annoy the secretary, by announcing that each would have a chance to question the secretary after he was finished. The secretary warned the committee against paying attention to individual officers who failed to agree with the naval board.

CAMPAIGN MERCILESS

London Says German U-Boats Institute Sea Terrorism

London, March 30.—German U-boats have embarked a new campaign of high sea terrorism despite Berlin assurances to the contrary, officials assert today. It is pointed out that during the first fortnight of the month submarines acted with caution, supposedly under orders from Berlin, but during the past fortnight, sinkings have averaged several daily.

Admiralty officials stated they had proof that submarines worked without discrimination and hurried torpedoes without warning, frequently at night.

"Oregon Sunshine Feels Good"

"I tell you this Oregon sunshine feels good to me," said S. A. Gardiner today, after having returned from a month's absence in Buffalo, N. Y. All the empire state is snow-bound, but the eastern part is worse than it is west of Buffalo. "Just a week tomorrow," says Mr. Gardiner, "the train was four hours running from Syracuse to Buffalo and at Gloversville the thermometer was 23 below zero. Mind you, that was last Friday—a week ago tomorrow. That's why I am glad to be back in Oregon."

REGISTER TONIGHT

Only three weeks is left in which to register for the Primary Election. The registration books will close April 18th.

Every voter must register. This means those who registered at the last election, as well as all others. If you have not registered with the County Clerk or one of his duly authorized Registrars since the first of the year, you are not registered for the coming primaries. Do not confuse city elections and Registrations with those of the county and state. They have no connection.

Registration has been very slow. Unless voters attend to the matter at once a rush is promised for the last few days before the books close.

Register at County Clerk's office at any time during office hours. Any afternoon from 1:30 until 6:00 o'clock and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock. You may register at Judge Phyl's office at Security Land and Savings Co.

VALLEY ENCHANTS COLONIST FOLKS

MORNING VIEW FROM SUMMIT
ENTRANCES

Scurry To Use Stopover Rights
Prompted Among Colonists By
Vision From Mountain Side

How the "Panorama of the Grande Ronde," spreading before passengers on trains coming west, has become a magnet to the eye, thrills homeseekers to unexpected use of their stop-over privileges is told by railroad employees who come in contact with the traveling public.

During the past three days colonist rates have drawn many to Oregon, Idaho, and Washington but the unusual part of it is that when No. 17 noiselessly glides down the meandering course from Telocaset to Union Station and falls with rapid pace into the verdant Union section, passengers—passengers dreary with sagebrush seasickness, eyes tired with land monotony, passengers dreaming of babbling brooks and floor-smooth farms recently deserted in Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska or perchance some other middlewestern farming state—suddenly bobbing out of mountain fastnesses and look down upon the Grande Ronde valley's long axis as they do in that particular occasion, they reach for portmanteau and hat. Stop or no, the demonstrations one sees in pullmans and tourist cars when the west bound trains are slipping into the valley proper, fire the most brazen "knocker" with some sort of justifiable pride in his home surroundings.

Colonist rates have been in effect but a few days, yet in that time the "Panorama of the Grande Ronde"—which in the past has flamed poets to their loftiest thoughts and stirred thousands to spontaneous exultation and admiration of nature's handiwork displayed in carving the beautiful valley and planting it with verdant grains and grasses—has lodged thousands of homeseekers headed to the far west with never a thought of Union county, to abandon their trip temporarily and get off to browse in this same Grande Ronde valley for a day, or maybe two. They often can't pass it by.

Today's contingent on No. 17 was headed for points near Bend, Portland, Bellingham, Seattle, Spokane, and practically every big city in the west drew some.

Some three sleepersloads of homeseekers were set off from today's No. 17 in Idaho points.

IOWANS' VISIT OREGON

Two Ministers Will Work For Gooding College in This Vicinity

With La Grande as their headquarters, two Iowa Methodist ministers went into the Eastern Oregon field in the interest of Gooding College this morning. They arrived this morning—George T. Roberts from St. Louis, and E. S. Menoher from Villisca, the town made famous a few years ago by a wholesale murder raid. The latter gentleman went out to Joseph today and both will spend some little time in this section of the state.

Both men anticipate Iowa crops will be splendid this year, though it is too early to predict with much certainty.

Request Extension of Time

Washington, March 28.—The secretary of the interior has advised Senator Chamberlain that his department is considering the application of the state of Oregon for an extension of time within which the lands embraced in the Carey act project, near La Pine, Or., may be reclaimed. In passing upon the state's application the important question is being considered whether or not such a showing can be made that the reclamation of the lands will be effected if the extension of time should be granted. The Carey act project includes the Morson land project, in which a number of citizens of La Pine are interested.

CITIZEN DRILL IS PROPOSED

There is being promoted in various organizations of La Grande, a plan to, on various occasions—especially for a summer encampment—unite all such bodies as use military drill in their lodge or social meetings. Wherever the plan has been presented, it has met with cordial approval and further plans for its formation are now under way. Various lodges have taken it under consideration, and it appears possible to turn out a battalion of men numbering anywhere from 20 to 40 or 50 per company. Those discussing it suggest bi-monthly drills for purely marching purposes, without guns or any semblance of "shooting irons" and as a final climax for the summer's work, to move in battalion formation toward Catherine creek or some other suitable camp ground, establish camp for a few days, maintain military rules and discipline, and enjoy an outing at the same time learning something of what is required of a citizen military camp such as have proven so successful in other parts of the country in the past year

360,000 RAILROADERS NOTIFY MANAGERS OF DEMAND FOR 8 HOURS

Cleveland, March 30.—Three hundred and sixty thousand railroad employees today submitted to most of the railroads demands for a basic eight-hour day with time and a half for overtime work.

Representatives of the Brotherhoods notified general managers that written answer is expected before April 29th.

Leaders said today strike reports circulated in New York were merely calculated to affect the stock markets, and should railroads refuse the demands, arbitration would be the next nominal step to be taken.

OLD-FASHIONED BEE SATURDAY

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PARSON-
AGE THE OBJECT

Ladies to Serve Bumper Meal At The
Noon Hour—Bring Hammer
Or Saw, Slogan

An old-fashioned raising and cleaning bee, such as occurred frequently in every community in the middle-west and east a few years back, will take place at the scene of the Christian church parsonage next Saturday. True to the old-fashioned fashion, the women are going to be present and prepare the noon meal. Members of the congregation, and friends of the church or of the members, will be welcomed at the place on N street where the splendid parsonage is going up now, and each is to bring a hammer, a saw or even a wheelbarrow. The church has been under construction for some little time, and it is expected that after this bee there will be little left to do.

The presence of ladies with their dinner baskets will add a quasi-society tone to the event, and that a big gathering will be out for Rev. Ford anticipates firmly. "Come with some tool to work with" is the slogan, "and a great big square meal will be served at the noon hour."

FLAG IS PRESENTED

Scout Troop No. 2 Receives Beautiful
National Colors Gift

Amid patriotic scenes and speeches, Troop No. 2, under Scout Master Robert Eakin, last evening received a gift of a large, beautiful U. S. flag. George Palmer was the donor and was present to present the flag to the 16 boys comprising Troop No. 2. Others spoke, including Scout Master Eakin. Members of Troop 1, from Scout Master Clark's camp, and parents of several of the boys, dropped in for the occasion and the Y. M. C. A. was more or less an open house for Scouts and their friends.

Today's Oddest Story

New York, March 30.—The origin of that seemingly senseless, though in reality highly significant phrase: "Get Your Goat!" is allegedly explained by Dr. J. Allen Gilbert of The Medical Record Staff. He said today that the phrase originated among racetrack touts "who know that a high-bred racehorse always does better work on the racetrack when he has an old goat friend for a pal in the paddock; and race horses' goats sometimes are stolen by owners or friends of horses competing in the next day's races." Now wouldn't that get your goat?

DEMONSTRATION WITNESSED

Domestic Science Class Sees Meat
Cutting Scientifically Done

Last evening at 4:15 the domestic science class of the high school witnessed a scientific meat-cutting demonstration in the La Grande Meat company market. J. A. Horan, proprietor, assigned P. A. Burns, expert meat cutter, to the task, and the demonstrator took the class through the various phases of meat cutting, lecturing upon the question as he went. The instruction was interesting to demonstrator and spectators alike.

OREGON LAWS ARE ALL RIGHT

EX-GOVERNOR CALLS ATTEN-
TION TO HARANGUE
NOT JUSTIFIED

Says "Big Business" Taking Advantage of Times—Most Regulatory
Measures Are Good

Portland, March 28.—(To the Editor).—Referring to your editorial in a recent date in which you ask for light as to what was said by me in a speech recently made before the Oregon Civic League in this city, I am pleased to advise you as follows:

Having listened long and patiently to the howl of "Big business" and its camp followers that Oregon was paying the penalty for radicalism; that through the working of the initiative and the enactment of a lot of Populist and Socialist measures, imposing burdensome regulations upon business, capital refused to invest in the state, I thought it time to ask some of the apostles of the "elect" to point out in particular just what measures enacted by "The common herd" through the initiative had driven capital from the state. But they answered not.

I took it upon myself to point out that most every regulatory measure imposed on the public service corporations was framed and put through the legislature by the business interests of this state as a relief from unbearable conditions.

Neither the railroad Commission act, the Compensation act, our forestry laws, our water code, nor the Industrial Welfare act was foisted upon the people by what the friends of "Big business" are pleased to term the "Unthinkable rabble." They are largely the product of an element of the business interests of this state that felt the need of wholesome, progressive legislation along such lines.

No unfair or unwarranted burdens have been thrown upon capital and your honest and intellectual businessman will plainly tell you so if you ask him. The wall goes up, however, from certain selfish interests who wish to poison the minds of the public at a time when business is slack in the hope of securing a repeal of every regulatory measure now on our statute books that they may once more range free and unhobbled in the public pastures.

During the 20 years immediately preceding the passage of our Railroad Commission act but a few miles of railroad were built. Since the passage of the said act, we have seen the construction of two lines to Bend, one to the Harney country, one to Walla-walla, one to Lakeview, one to Klamath Falls, one to Coos Bay, one to Tillamook, and also the construction of the Oregon Electric and construction or extension of a number of smaller lines to different points of the state.

No unreasonable burdens have been thrown upon the railroads by our Public Utilities commission and the railroad people will so admit if you ask them. The commission has been absolutely fair and has aimed to give everyone concerned a fair deal. The same can be said of the other regulatory bodies. They have simply been endeavoring to demand from favored interest a little consideration for the humble citizen, who as an individual is not in position to buck the game as it is played in these days of big business.

Investigation will show that Oregon laws impose no greater burdens on capital than do those of Eastern states and that the people have in the use of the initiative aimed to be fair and have used splendid judgment in voting in most every instance.

It is time, therefore, for those who have assisted in securing the passage of regulatory laws in this state, and who are enjoying the protection and benefits thereof, to cease playing the game of predatory interests by "knocking" this state.

OSWALD WEST.

BONDING ISSUE DEBATE SLATED

PROS AND ANTIS WILL EACH
HAVE SAY

Mt. Fanny Grange Looks Forward to
Big Day Over Bonding
Question Saturday

Next Saturday at Cove will be a day for pros and antis in the bonding question fight. There has been prepared, in accordance with resolutions adopted by Mt. Fanny Grange at Cove recently, a schedule of debate over the bonding question, as a feature extraordinary to next Saturday's meeting of Mt. Fanny Grange. While it is an all-day session the bonding question will not come up until 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The representatives to whom the various factions have left the presentation of their case are Walter M. Pierce and William Jasper, against bonds, and Carl Stackland of Cove, and George T. Cochran, president of the Union County Good Roads association, on the defense. These men will proceed with argument, pro and anti, until the whole matter is threshed out.

The resolution passed by the Cove Grange, promoting the debate, boldly and clearly said that if the speakers didn't have facts and authority to back their statements they should, please, not show up; hence it follows that all sides will go to Cove "loaded for bar."

CITY COMMISSION MEETS

Mill Creek Canyon, and Other Topics
Up—Call Is Made

Commissioners Palmer and Haworth were present at the meeting yesterday evening and Commissioner McKennon was absent.

Reports of the manager and the superintendent for the month of March were received.

A petition was presented for an 8-inch lateral sewer in the alley in Block 8, Grandy's Second Add. and referred to the city manager.

Johnston & Reiland were granted permission to install a Bowser gasoline tank at their garage on Adams Avenue.

A petition was presented for the grading of Y avenue between North Fir and North Second streets and this was referred to the manager.

Ordinance No. 832, authorizing the construction of warehouse platforms in the wholesale district on Jefferson avenue was passed and also the ordinance for the re-assessment of North Second street.

F. J. Atkinson gave notice to the council asking for the removal of the South La Grande hose house, from his lots where it is now located. Another location will be found and the house removed, and on this same line there was a discussion as to the advisability of securing a storage room for the city's machinery. Among the other topics discussed was that of the changing of the numbering of the fire alarm boxes in order to systematize the present fire alarm map.

The treasurer was authorized to make a call for all outstanding warrants up to March 30, 1914—just even two years back.

The commission discussed informally the plan of clearing the channel of Mill canyon for the purpose of removing the trouble that frequently occurs from overflows due to obstructions.

Manager Lafky was granted a leave of absence until Monday to make a visit to Salem.

Lawson's Son Judge at Dog Show

Chicago, March 30.—Two "little sons of the rich" are judging the merits and demerits of fancy dogs at the fifteenth annual bench exhibit of the Chicago Kennel club here today. Arnold Lawson, son of Thomas W. Lawson, Boston, is putting down the black and white marks for the English bulldogs, and Marvin Hughtis, Jr., son of Marvin and sisters, Dr. J. E. Demund, Brooklyn, N. Y. is judging several classes. The exhibit will close April 1.

ALLIES SUFFER

GERMANS SMOTHER THEM WITH
ARTILLERY FIRE

French Troops Sorely Pressed In and
Near Malancourt

London, March 30.—Hurling shells upon French fortifications from three sides, Germans have sent thousands of men charging upon Malancourt in a supreme effort to capture it and seize two highways intersecting there. The French positions are admitted to be in extreme peril.

WOODMEN WILL DRILL

Preparation Going on For Initiation
of Class in April

Modern Woodmen officials, and all candidates for the Forester team are to meet at the K. of P. hall this evening to prepare for the initiation of a large class of La Grande, Island City and other valley point candidates early in April. It is imperative that all such be present.

SUPPLIES CHIEF QUESTION ARMY CONTENDS WITH

OVER 10,000 SOLDIERS NOW IN
MEXICO MUST BE PRO-
VISIONED BY AUTO

MEXICAN ROAD NOT IN SHAPE TO HANDLE GOODS

Villa, Reported to Have Been Located
Southeast of Madera Close to Rail-
road Which Can't Be Used—Picked
Men Over 300 Miles Into Mexico
Today, Reports Indicate.

El Paso, March 30.—General Cavira has informed General Bell he would not permit army munitions to be shipped through Juarez until instructions have been received from Gen. Obregon.

El Paso, March 30.—With a force of picked American soldiers already 300 miles inside Mexico and fully 10,000 troops chasing Villa, the army supply transportation problem is today the sole topic. The Mexico Northwestern has announced it is unable to ship munitions before Saturday on account of lack of equipment.

Villa Located, Belief
Villa has been located, according to unofficial advices, 60 miles southeast of Madera close to the Mexican Northwestern.

Pursuit by bridges is impossible on account of 40 bridges having been destroyed since January.

San Antonio, March 30.—Francisco Villa has reached Guerrero mountains and Colonel Dodd's advance guard has crossed the railroad southwest of Chihuahua city, according to unofficial reports received today.

Villa Splits Command
Bandit Villa is said to have split his command into three divisions, after leaving El Valle, taking personal command of 20 picked men.

May Reinstitute Autos
El Paso, March 30.—Several carloads of supplies for General Pershing's men are ready for shipment today to Casas Grandes over the Mexico Northwestern railroad. Officers admitted disappointment of the outcome of negotiations for permission to get the use of the railway. Uncertainty of the road's operations, and the fact that the road is known to be in poor condition, may force continuance of the motor truck trains over the Chihuahua desert.

NEWS OF BROTHER'S DEATH
Roy Martin Expired Suddenly At
Home In Pine Valley

A. L. Martin, of Fruitdale, received word today by phone of the death of his younger brother, Roy, at the latter's home in Pine Valley at an early hour this morning. Death was due to heart disease and came without warning.

Roy Martin was a young man, but 22 years of age and was practically reared in Pine Valley. He had been married but his wife died last October. He was a member of an old family of Union county residents, and leaves besides his brother, A. L. Martin, of La Grande, four brothers in Pine Valley and a sister, Mrs. W. B. Gassett, of Union.

A. L. Martin left on the noon train for Union where he will be joined by his sister, Mrs. Gassett, and they expect to proceed from Union to Pine Valley by team to attend the funeral, arrangements for which will not be made until their arrival at the deceased young man's home.

BOYS EXONERATED
Complaint Against Youth and Minor
Is Dismissed

In Justice of the Peace Williams' court this morning the complaint against "John" Doe Rynearson and "John Doe" was dismissed as to the first named defendant. It was found that the other boy was a minor under 16 years of age and the charge against him had been lodged in the juvenile court. The alleged theft consisted in taking some castings which were not proven to be of sufficient value to constitute a felony and, therefore, not within the jurisdiction of the justice court. On practically the same grounds Judge Phyl dismissed the case against the juvenile "John Doe."

Martial Law In Action
San Francisco, March 30.—Martial law has been proclaimed in Canton, China, as the result of bomb throwing by rebel sympathizers, according to a cable from Shanghai received by the China World.