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LAST WORD SENT KAISER

DIPLOMATIC BREAK WILL COME IMMEDIATELY IF COMMAND IS NOT COMPLIED WITH

PRESIDENT WILSON READS SPECIAL MESSAGE CITING VIOLATIONS OF PROMISES

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson has informed Germany that she must cease her submarine warfare or he will sever diplomatic relations immediately. The note has already been cabled.

President Wilson, in accordance with his announcement made yesterday, today noon appeared before a joint session of the two houses and read a special message to the legislators. He said:

FRANK ADMISSION OF SITUATION MADE

"A situation has arisen in foreign relations of our country, which it is my plain duty to inform you of frankly. In February, 1915, Germany announced her intention to treat water surrounding England and Ireland as that embraced within the seat of war, and destroy merchantmen found within the zone. The government of the United States protested. Notwithstanding this Germany proceeded to carry out her policy as announced.

ASSURANCES GIVEN AT THE TIME

"Germany assured us that she would take every precaution to safeguard the lives of non-combatants, and respect the rights of neutrals.

"What the government foresaw has happened. Tragedy has followed tragedy in such fashion as to make it grossly evident warfare of such a sort cannot be carried out without the most palpable violation of the dictates of right and humanity.

BEYOND BOUNDS OF REASON AND HEART

"Whatever the disposition or intention of Germany, it is manifestly proved that it is impossible to continue such methods of attack within bounds of either reason or the heart of mankind.

ASSURANCES DISREGARDED WITH IMPUNITY

"Last February Germany informed the world she would treat armed merchantmen of belligerent ownership as auxiliary warships and destroy them without warning.

"Despite German assurances, Germany has permitted her undersea commanders to disregard the assurances previously given with entire impunity. Passengers and crews have been sacrificed in a wholesale manner which the United States cannot but regard as wanton and without the slightest color of justification."

SUSSEX CASE CALLED SHOCKING

The President characterized the recent attack on the Sussex when Americans were killed and injured, as a shocking case and he touched upon the Lusitania affair.

"I deemed it my duty, therefore," he concluded, "to tell Germany that if she still proposes to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare against merchantmen, this government must sever diplomatic relations with Germany altogether."

HOPE STILL HINTED AT

A spirit akin to war pervaded in Washington following the reading of the President's message. Nevertheless responsible German officials gave broad intimation that Germany may meet American demands.

What Severance Means.

Washington, April 19.—How critical diplomatic severance is, is reflected by the fact there is only one instance in modern diplomatic history where the breaking of diplomatic relations between two first class powers was not followed by war. The separation of relations between Germany and Italy stands alone against the precedent which diplomats regard as inevitable.

The President's purpose in going before congress, it is explained, was in recognition of the fact that while the President has power to break diplomatic relations, congress alone has power to declare war. The President feels that congress should be advised of any action in which it may be subsequently called upon to bear a part. Wilson was carefully secret about the words he was to deliver. Contrary to custom, no advance copies were issued and it was read from personally prepared manuscript of which no copy had been made. The President refused to tell his own secretary because he expected the secretary would be questioned.

Ambassador Bernstorff was calling upon Lansing yesterday almost at the moment the President was arranging for a joint session of congress and was informed Lansing could not discuss the situation at this time. Bernstorff told Lansing that under no circumstances could Germany quit the submarine warfare, which is being used in retaliation for the British blockade. He said Germany attempted to use submarines in accordance with international law, and if submarine commanders violated instructions, Germany would make reparation. Lansing told Bernstorff he would see him again in a few days.

Bernstorff's confidence that friendly relations will continue remained unshaken last night. He believes everything will come out all right in the end.

Prof. Strange Retained at Baker.

Baker, April 18.—The school board of district No. 5 at its regular business session last evening re-engaged Professor A. C. Strange as city superintendent of schools for another year. The election of a high school principal, other principals and teachers was deferred to a later meeting.

Nothing further has been done in the high school matter, the final plans not having yet been received from the architect, although they are expected in a few days. A letter from the architect places the estimated cost of the building construction, including heating plant, at \$104,000, but the letter warned the board that the cost might run higher as building materials are at present increasing in price.

SUGAR JUMPS 10 CTS. MORE

RECORD SINCE 1914 ESTABLISHED.

Predicted Ten Dollar Sugar Seems About to Be Realized.

Portland, April 19.—That the predicted \$10.00 or \$11.00 sugar is near a reality was indicated when the price jumped another 10 cents per hundred. Sugar is now the highest since 1911 when it went to \$8.65 here.

When the new jump reaches La Grande, this community will pay \$8.70 on 30 days' time, and 40 cents less per hundred for cash payment.

MEETINGS STILL GROW.

Millmen and Shopmen Heard Sermons the Third Time This Week.

With better weather than yesterday, the third noon-day services at shops of the city were conducted by church teams today. At the O-W shops a goodly number of men were present. Rev. E. A. Edwards of the Methodist church spoke.

Dr. Hogshead, a Lutheran minister of Chicago who was a visitor in La Grande today with Rev. Drahn, spoke at the Palmer mill. His talk was interesting. The services there were held out of doors due to the nice weather.

MRS. GRAHAM'S FATHER ILL.

La Grande Musician Called to Portland Sickbed Today.

Hastily summoned to the bedside of her father, Mr. Stout, a pioneer of Portland, Mrs. J. P. Graham left this morning on No. 17. Her father is reported to be critically ill, and she may be gone a week or 10 days.

Mrs. Graham's departure has left the Methodist choir without their regular director for the Easter musical program at which time a half dozen anthems are to be handled in connection with Knight Templar and other Easter services at that church. Rehearsals, however, will be held tonight as usual and Mrs. J. J. Carr and Mrs. Winters will have charge of the music in that church until Mrs. Graham's return.

GERMAN WHO MAY BE GIVEN PASSPORTS, AND THE "MAN OF THE HOUR"



Ambassador Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff (above) German Ambassador to Washington, and Woodrow Wilson (right) President of the United States who are foremost in German Crisis.



SCOTT HURRIES TO THE BORDER TO SEE FUNSTON

Washington, April 19.—An aged man and woman, in whom Obregon says he has every confidence, nursed and buried Francisco Villa, the Mexican embassy announced.

Chihuahua, April 19.—Reports of Villa's death and burial and subsequent disinterment are entirely unconfirmed today. General Gutierrez told press representatives he had no information of Villa's whereabouts, dead or alive. Fifteen Mexicans implicated in a plot against the defacto government were executed here today.

SOLON ENJOYS BACKING.

Forty Per Cent Division Plan Guaranteed Hearty Support. United States Senator George E. Chamberlain appreciates support he is receiving from Union and Wallowa counties concerning his stand for a 40 per cent apportionment of the land grant funds to the school funds of Oregon. A few days ago E. E. Kiddle, state senator from this and Wallowa counties, sent a telegram to Senator Chamberlain assuring him that his district is unanimously of the opinion that the school fund should receive 40 per cent of the grant moneys. Senator Kiddle pointed out that "Our apportionment from reclamation and irrigation funds have been limited and think your proportion of division of this fund should stand."

NEW NAME CHOSEN.

Pilot Rock Junction Named After Men Well Known Here.

The name "Pilot Rock Junction" could not last for several reasons—it is too long and cumbersome and conflicts with "Pilot Rock," a town which is the terminal of the branch line which extends about twenty miles out from Pendleton. The new junction point is therefore, soon to be known by another name and that name will be "Reith."

This title has a local and historical significance from the fact that it is the name of a prominent pioneer family of Umatilla county which consisted of three brothers, Jake, Eugene and Louis Reith. These men were pioneer settlers of Umatilla county and owned the place where the junction is situated as well as very large holdings of land in that vicinity.

But Umatilla county has not an entire monopoly of the Reith family. The wife of Louis Reith was the oldest daughter of Mrs. F. Newlin of this city, and the oldest daughter of Eugene Reith is Mrs. Adolph Newlin, of La Grande. Other members of the Reith family are the Misses Mayme and Ethel Reith, former residents of La Grande.

After disposing of their interests in and near Pendleton Jake Reith went to Tacoma. He has passed away, but the other brothers, Eugene and Louis, are located at Harrington, Wash., where they have large wheat ranches and are well to do.

Cheese Factory at Donald

Salem, Or., April 17.—A site has been purchased and construction work will begin this week at Donald on a cooperative cheese factory with a daily capacity of 5000 pounds of milk, to be supplied by 250 cows.

COMPROMISE IS RUMORED

CRISIS IN ENGLAND MAY BE AVERTED.

Russian Victory at Trebizond and U. S. Crisis May Save Day.

London, April 19.—Premier Asquith is today making his final effort to prevent a breaking up of the ministry and a general election in the midst of war. The crisis is admitted to be the gravest since the coalition cabinet was organized.

Sensational rumors that Lloyd George, Lord Kitchener and other ministers and military heads, threatened to resign unless Premier Asquith yielded to demands for immediate general conscription, are discredited by rumors that opposing factions compromised last night.

The capture of Trebizond, the threatened break between America and Germany and the allied economic conference at Paris tomorrow are cited as reason for not endangering England's position now.

Capitol Flags at Half Mast

Salem, Or., April 17.—In honor of Mrs. Jane Ann Chadwick, widow of the late Governor Chadwick of Oregon, Secretary of State Olcott had the flags at the state capitol placed at half mast Saturday. The funeral was held here Saturday afternoon.

BAD DAY ON THE HILLS.

Engineer Curtis Tells of the Severe Conditions Near Telocaset.

Engineer G. M. Curtis, who has been running a helper engine at Telocaset for a long period, says that yesterday was the most disagreeable one he ever experienced in that locality. There was about four inches of snow and the temperature was of that nipping kind that goes through and through.

"One of the worst results," says Mr. Curtis, "was that inflicted on stock on the range. A good many sheep with the young lambs had been turned out for the grass on the range and there must be considerable loss result as the sheep are in poor condition to stand much hardship from rigorous weather."

Engineer Curtis has quit the helper service at Telocaset and returns to La Grande to run out from here.

RUSSIANS TAKE TREBIZOND BUT TURKS ESCAPE

HISTORICAL SEAPORT IS CAPTURED BY SURPRISE ATTACK UNDER DUKE

TURKS WILL MAKE STAND SIX MILES TO THE WEST

Rich Territory Falls Into Hands of the Russians Through Capture of the Seaport—Grand Duke Has Captured 20,000 Square Miles of Territory Since Entering the Armenian Territory.

Petrograd, April 19.—The Turkish garrison of Trebizond escaped when Russians entered the city. The Slavs are pursuing them, today's dispatches stated. It is expected the Turks will make a stand six miles west of Trebizond and Russians are attempting to straighten their lines. They have advanced against Erzincan and resistance is expected there.

Since the entrance of Grand Duke Nicholas into Armenia, Russians have captured 20,000 square miles of territory.

Trebizond fell quickly before a surprise attack.

Trebizond, capital of the vilayet of its own name, is an important fortified seaport on the east coast of the Black sea, 120 or 130 miles northwest of Erzerum, which recently fell into Russian hands. The Turks at that time retreated toward Erzincan, but halted at Trebizond, only to be driven from there last night and are now falling back on what was originally their destination of retreat.

Trebizond stands on a slope of a hill facing to the sea and is defended by a citadel on an adjacent height. Outside of the walls are several suburbs in which are most of the Christian dwellings. The city has about 20 mosques and as many Greek churches but possessed neither inn nor lodging house for many years. Cashmere silk, copper and alum are some of its important trade articles. The place is made historical by the presence there of Zenophon and his 10,000 Greeks in their memorable retreat. Fertile fields and busy factories fall into Russian possession by the victory.

Dr. Underwood of this city has been at Trebizond often while in Armenia, and is well acquainted with the entire territory covered by the Turks in retreat from Erzerum.

Thick Fog Hinders Infantry.

Paris, April 19.—Thick fog enveloped Verdun and most of the Western front today and last night. Germans frequently dropped shells on French positions and violently bombarded the region south of Haudremont the communique said.

Weather hindered infantry operations.

GERMANS CROSS FRONTIER.

Greek Territory Entered and Railway Bridges Burned.

Salonica, April 19.—Germans have crossed the Greek frontier and destroyed railway bridges between Doiran and Akindual.

Art Exhibit Interests.

There is general interest displayed about the city in the Elson art exhibit which begins tomorrow noon at Riviera school to continue two days and into Friday evening when a program is to be held.

New Engineer Arrives. George Dudley, nine pounds, was born to Civil Engineer and Mrs. L. D. Howland, April 16. Mother and son are doing nicely.

BANQUET POSTPONED.

Because the date is inopportune and conflicts with Holy Week observation so generously observed, the date of the Commercial club banquet set for tomorrow night has been postponed one week.