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DEUTSCHLAND REMAINS SAFE AT HER PIER

HALF-SUBMERGED POSITION
HELD ALL DAY AND WHETS
PUBLIC INTEREST

BREMEN UNHEARD OF; SAYS OFFICIAL REPORT

While Submersible Retains Her Position at Baltimore Docks, American Official Files Formal Report Declaring English War Vessel Had Been Inside Limit.

APPAM AWARDED TO THE ENGLISH OWNER.

Norfolk, July 29.—Federal Judge Waddell has restored the captured British liner Appam to her former owners. He decided against the German prize crew and held the German government lost legal claim to the vessel when Lieutenant Berger brought it to American waters after he captured it.

The Appam's capture and arrival in an American seaport was one of the sensations of the year, and has been a bone of contention ever since her arrival.

Baltimore, July 29.—Late today the Deutschland was still moored in a partly submerged state, and the tenacity of interest concerning her is undiminished.

Baltimore, July 24.—The Deutschland remained at her wharf partly submerged today noon. The crew was kept aboard as usual.

No word regarding the Bremen is announced at noon today.

Foreign Warship Was Inside Capes.

Norfolk, July 29.—Lieutenant Commander Shane of the collier Neptune said last night he had forwarded to Washington his report corroborating the statement of officers of the battleship Louisiana that an unidentified warship was inside the Virginia capes Tuesday morning. He further declared he saw it moving outward to sea. It is the first official declaration that a warship was seen leaving the capes.

Washington, July 29.—British Ambassador Spring-Rice gave to the state department today a formal and written guarantee regarding application of the London blacklist of American firms. The memorandum promises not to extend the blacklist and no firm is blacklisted until German connection is shown.

London, July 28.—The American note concerning the blacklist was delivered to the foreign office yesterday. Officials, not having had time to master its contents, decline to discuss the note this morning. It is known that the note, though couched in softer language than the mail detention documents still plainly states that America cannot admit the blacklist's validity.

A diplomat familiar with the contents says the publication here is likely to cause surprise, as the Washington correspondents to London papers the past week conveyed the impression that agitation has so far ceased that there was little likelihood the government would take action in the matter.

ARMED STEAMER CAPTURED

German War Vessel Battles For An Hour With Enemy Craft

Berlin, July 29.—It is announced a German cruiser captured a British armed steamer. They battled an hour southeast of Arendal, Thursday.

SENATE IMPLORES MERCY.

Resolution Asks Britain to Temper Justice with Mercy.

Washington, July 29.—The senate today voted 46 to 19 in passing a resolution asking Britain to exercise clemency towards the Irish political prisoners.

TRACK AND BARN AWAIT NAGS BLOODY FIGHT AT DELVILLE NOT DECIDED

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By tonight the track will be scraped, or nearly so, and, also, by tonight many other improvements to the track will have been complete, and simultaneously the management is outlining some clever ideas toward making the race meet September 6-9 inclusive wonderfully successful.

Barns Cleaned Out.

Workmen have been busy today cleaning the barns, picking up debris, cutting the grass and preparing the

grounds for the crowds. This has been going on while scrapers worked the track, itself recognized as one of the fastest half-mile courses in the Northwest.

Entrance Fees Arranged.

At the same time, provisions for handling a monster crowd have been diligently prosecuted. The grand stand will accommodate 2000 people, and there will be new facilities for handling automobiles. To the west of the grand stand, 78 stalls will be built, with poles between each so that automobiles may head in to the track and be close observers of the curve, the back stretch or the finish stretch. To facilitate matters the fence has been cut down so as not to obstruct the view, and the ground is higher than the race course at that point. These stalls will be put up for reservation in advance. On the east side of the grand stand, similar stalls will be provided, but not as many of them.

For a considerable distance each way from the timer's stand, inside the paddock an area will be fenced off in which people may stand to see the races. Admission to this spot will be 50 cents—the cost of the general admission. The grand stand will bring 25 cents extra, but it is seriously proposed that a season ticket be sold at a reduction so that the cost for the four days will be considerably cut down. The same is discussed as a possible feature of the car spaces. The managers calculate, there will be room for 130 automobiles in reserved spaces where occupants may see the races, for 2000 people in the grand stand, and for several hundred inside the paddock.

Secretaries Keeping Busy.

Fred J. Holmes has been elected secretary-treasurer of the association which has affiliated itself with the Intermountain Racing circuit, of which Baker is also a part but has its meeting after La Grande's. N. K. West is president, Dr. A. L. Richardson is vice president. Then men have each guaranteed \$100 to see the races through, these being Mr. West, Dr. Richardson, A. T. Hill, Albert Hunter, G. L. Larsson, C. D. Emahiser, T. J. Scroggin, Mr. Holmes and Bruce Dennis—the 10th is unannounced. Chas. Reynolds has been named assistant to the secretary and will have the detail work in hand under the general direction of Mr. Holmes.

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GAS PLANT IS ASSURED CITY

"BLUE SKY" COMMISSION LETS PERMIT.

La Grande Gas Company Announces Definite Plans.

After a thorough and exhaustive examination of the affairs and plans of the La Grande Gas company, the corporation department, more commonly known as the "Blue Sky" commission of the state of Oregon, has granted the company a permit to issue their stock and proceed with the work of building a plant and of installing gas service throughout the city.

It is the custom of this department, before issuing such a permit, to not only carefully look into all matters pertaining to the organization of the company in question but also to make a complete investigation of every possible phase of the particular business to be followed and to arrive at a conservative estimate of the profits to be reasonably expected by investors in the company's stock.

In the case of the La Grande Gas company the Public Service department was called upon and their gas expert, Fred A. Rasch, sent to this city to determine the practicability from a commercial point of view of the company's process which utilizes mill waste instead of coal for gas material.

After a thorough examination, Mr. Rasch reported to the corporation commissioner that the plan was perfectly feasible and could be successfully and profitably operated in La Grande.

That the company can operate on a profitable basis is not at all surprising, as there are hundreds of plants in cities no larger than La Grande that are manufacturing gas from coal and if they can afford that material, there can be no question as to the earnings of a process utilizing mill waste that costs nothing and that yields more good commercial gas per ton than coal does.

An announcement will appear in Monday's Observer regarding the stock of the company and the plan of operation.

At a recent meeting of the La Grande Commercial club the directors unanimously endorsed this project and pledged their support to the enterprise in every way possible.

The officers and directors of the company is as follows: George E. Good, president, Dr. M. K. Hall, vice-president, Fred J. Holmes, treasurer, C. S. Dunn, secretary and Julius Roesch, director.

MONEY UNCALLED FOR.

Those Who Hauled Passengers to Races Haven't All Checked in.

All those who hauled passengers to the races last week for the Motor club have not called for their cash. Chase Bohnenkamp has the money at the Bohnenkamp store where all those drivers who haven't cashed in their tickets can do so at any time.

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ENTERPRISE LADY NAMED

Pythian Sisters At Portland Name Officials During Day

Portland, July 29.—Pythian Sisters of Oregon in grand convention today elected Mrs. Emma Snyder, of Aurora, grand chief; Mrs. Emma McKinney of Hillsboro, grand senior; Alice Gaily of Enterprise, grand junior; Mrs. Jennie Hugheson of Corvallis, manager, and Nellie Vernon of Astoria, past chief.

THE MENACE MENACED.

Anti-Catholic Organ Rocked by Explosion Which Wrecks Presses.

Aurora, Mo., July 29.—Three bombs exploded last night under the office of The Menace, an anti-Catholic newspaper. The presses were wrecked. The night watchman was alone in the building but was uninjured. The floor was splintered. A small fire started but was quickly extinguished.

POPE IMPLORES WAR'S END

New York, July 29.—(Copyrighted by United Press).—The United Press today received the following from the Pope through Cardinal Gasparri:

"Rome.—(To the United Press).—I presented your telegram to the Holy Father. His Holiness is grateful for your respect and confidence in Holy See. He prays the Lord's mercies will be moved by prayers of innocent children imploring peace on the second anniversary of the terrible conflict. May the prayers speedily end the awful carnage. (Signed) Gasparri."

The telegram is a reply to a United Press cablegram asking the Pope's statement on the second war anniversary, August 1. The cablegram requested a "Papal statement to the American people."

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The west continues to suffer indefinitely and the hot wave is expected to affect eastern states tomorrow.

Farmers Are in Despair

Dispatches from many points in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states in the Middle Western group, to Chicago, tell a similar tale of death and suffering. Farmers, especially in Iowa, Northern Illinois and Northern Wisconsin, are in despair. Horses and cattle are dying in large numbers and the intense heat has put the \$1,000,000,000 corn crop of Iowa in great danger.

Many Die in Other Cities

Dispatches say four persons were killed by heat in Aurora, Ill., yesterday, three in Elgin and Freeport; two in Pekin, Ill.; three in Peoria, eight in Indianapolis (during two days), four in Gary, Ind.; one in Pontiac, Ill., and one in Manistee, Mich. This is merely an indication of the widespread effect of the heat wave.

Ottawa, Ill., reported 107 in the shade, shown on the Government thermometers in the sun ran up to 120. Numerous points in Illinois and Iowa reported 103 to 105 in the shade.

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Morrow's Decision No Impediment to Law's Enforcement.

That Judge Morrow's recent decision in the state prohibition case in which he held parts of it unconstitutional, has no serious impediment to enforcement of the law, is conclusively shown by appended interview with Judge Morrow himself, by a Portland newspaper:

"The decision has absolutely no effect whatever on the prohibition act, or its enforcement, except that genuine manufacturers may import directly a reasonable quantity of alcohol for their own use in manufacturing," says Judge Morrow. "The decision does not extend the right of the individual to import.

This decision follows exactly a decision of the United States supreme court and decisions in four other states, particularly Arizona, and no decision was cited to hold to the contrary under statutes like ours.

"In a state where there is absolute prohibition the decision would be the other way.

"Under this decision only the manufacturer is concerned. Heretofore, he has been permitted to buy his supply from the wholesale drug houses, but under the decision the manufacturer can import directly for his own use. The only possible infraction of the prohibition law under the decision might be through some one starting a fake manufacturing plant, but in such instance the vigilance of the district attorney would quickly catch the offender."

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BRITISH CLAIM THE ADVANTAGE WITH THEM

German Air Ships Bombard English Coast, Presumably in Effort to Get at Hull Naval Base—Russian Encounters in the East Center of Brusiloff's New Offensive

London, July 29.—Germans have counter attacked at Delville Woods and Gen. Haig has reported two of these desperate assaults were defeated. Teutons suffered heavily. The hand to hand struggle north and northeast of Delville continue uninterrupted and Haig has declared British are steadily advancing despite the most violent opposition. Haig reported several German regiments were annihilated around Delville Wood.

Brusiloff Strikes Again.

Petrograd, July 29.—It is announced General Brusiloff has resumed the offensive and forced a Teuton retreat on the whole Kovel front between the Roviech railway and Brody. Russian capture of Brody is again announced.

Airships Bombard Coast.

London, July 29.—It is announced three German airships at 1:30 this morning dropped 32 bombs on Lincolnshire and Norfolk. The damage was immaterial and there were no casualties. A fog hampered the raiders.

Anti-aircraft guns repulsed the invaders at one point. It is believed the Germans had attempted to reach the Hull cruiser base.

English Halted at Pozieres.

Berlin, July 29.—It is announced strong British attacks at Pozieres have failed, but it is admitted Russians penetrated German lines in the Trysten region, forcing abandonment of advanced positions beyond the Stokhod river. Russians developed attacks along the Stokod northwest of Liutzk while a strong attack north of Sokul was heavily repulsed.

NEW LIBRARIAN COMING.

Miss Lucia Haley of Seattle Succeeds Miss Ivy Head.

Although the librarian-elect will not assume her duties until September 1st, La Grande's Public Library will be under a new management in the future. Miss Ivy Head, for the past two or three years a courteous, competent and efficient minister to the wants of the reading public, filed her resignation last June to be effective August 1st. Miss Haley will be on hand to take over the office by September 1st.

HORSE STEALING ADMITTED

Four Thousand Dollar Fine Attached to North Plains Resident

Hillsboro, July 29.—R. C. Gossman, of North Plains and who is wealthy, pleaded guilty today to a charge of horse stealing. He was fined \$4000.

DEPORTATION STANDS.

Kelly and Smith Will Not Be Allowed to Land with Irish Relief.

Washington, July 29.—Ambassador Page has cabled the state department that Britain has again refused to admit Thomas Kelly and Joseph Smith, Americans bring Irish relief funds. British told Page the deportation order was irrevocable.

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FIRST FREIGHT AT MARSHFIELD

NEW UMPQUA BRIDGE CROSSED BY TRAIN

Little Business Expected Out of Coast Town for the Present

Marshfield, July 29.—The first through freight train from Eugene arrived last night with twelve cars. It brought chair cars for the Pythian excursion to Portland Monday. The train crossed the new Umpqua bridge.

Freight will run thrice weekly, but not much business is expected until rails are settled.

ALCOHOL CASE APPEALED.

Constitutionality of Prohibition Law Going Before Tribunal.

Notice of appeal from Judge Morrow's decision that a manufacturer may import unlimited amounts of alcohol into Oregon was filed yesterday by Arthur C. Spencer, attorney for for San Francisco & Portland Steamship company according to Portland information. With the appeal notice the steamship company filed a bond to cover court costs and to guarantee payment of the \$300 judgment in case the supreme court sustains Judge Morrow.

By filing a demurrer to the complaint of Wadhams & Co., which sought to replenish two barrels of ethyl alcohol held by the steamship company on the ground that to deliver it would violate the prohibition laws, the company confessed the allegations of the complaint. Judge Morrow's decision overruling the demurrer was equivalent to judgment for the plaintiffs.

The appeal will test Judge Morrow's ruling that the Webb-Kenyon act cannot prevent importation of liquor into a state in which the quantity an individual or concern may own is not limited by the state law.

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