

KAISER READY TO DISAVOW IF CAPTAIN ERRED

MARINA DISASTER NOT CONCLUSIVELY FERRETTED OUT BY UNCLE SAM TO DATE.

THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF THE CREW STILL ABSENT

Punishment in Store for German U-Boat Commanders if They Violated International Law in Sinking Two Recent Victims of Torpedoes—Wilson Kept Advised.

Washington, Oct. 31.—(United Press)—German officials have declared Germany will disavow the acts and punish submarine commanders if investigation shows submarines destroyed British ships Marina and Rowanmore in violation of the Kaiser's pledges. Secretary of State Lansing said official reports are inconclusive. All dispatches have been rushed to President Wilson at Long Branch.

Mr. Lansing said he was unable to say definitely whether the Marina had been torpedoed or shelled.

Consul Frost at Queenstown cabled that 13 members of the Marina's sailors are still missing this noon and this list probably includes the Americans aboard. Fifty-two additional survivors have landed at Castletown.

It is said 36 Americans were aboard the Marina when she sank, and that the submarine sank her contrary to international law.

Petrograd, Oct. 31.—(United Press)—Roumanians continue driving Teutons Northward at Jiu Va and captured 300. Heavy fighting has started on the eastern front. Russians are strongly attacking Volhynia. Teutons and Turks have started a Galician offensive. Russians captured Teuton trenches west of Lutsk fortress.

London, Oct. 31.—(United Press)—An official casualty list says British lost 108,255 the past month. Nearly 23,000 were killed, 76,000 wounded, and the remainder are missing. Gen. Haig reported only intermittent shelling on the Somme.

Roumanian Losses Big. Berlin, (Via Sayville)—(United Press)—German generals have captured 10,000 Roumanians since October 10th. They also took 37 cannon, 47 machine guns, a flag and other booty.

Austrian headquarters have reported "that Uncanny weather" halted fighting along the Italian front.

Rainbow Makes Last Trip For The Year

Steelheads and Rainbows to Extent of 85,000 Taken Into Wallowa County—Mostly Put in Wallowa Lake.

The state fish distributing car Rainbow is making its last trip into Eastern Oregon for the year. Fish Car Superintendent Tom Craig and his crew went into Wallowa county this morning with the state car Rainbow, taking in 85,000 fish. Forty-five cans of this amount, mostly steelheads and rainbows, are to be distributed by Forest Supervisor Harris at Wallowa and the rest go into Wallowa Lake.

One trip into Southern Oregon is about all that Mr. Craig has to do before locking up the Rainbow for the winter.

Try the Observer Want Advs.

Have you a house for rent? Do you want a situation? Have you a room to rent? Have you anything to trade? Try a want adv. in The Observer, the newspaper which reaches the homes of the people of La Grande and Union and Wallowa Counties.

Advance Guard of 400 Teachers Due Tonight

EPITOME SUMMARY OF OPENING DAY OF 16TH ANNUAL TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

9:45 to 10:00 Opening. Introduction of President McCullough by E. E. Bragg, and prayer by Rev. G. L. Clark.
10:00 to 10:30 Address: "Do You Camp or Live?"—M. S. Pittman.
10:30 to 11:00 Address: "Measuring the Mental Development of the Child,"—Dr. De Busk.
11:00 to 11:10 Recess.
11:10 to 12:00 Departments.
Room 3. Rural: "The Rural Teacher"—M. S. Pittman.
Room 2. Primary: Oral and Silent Reading—Miss Fox.
Room 7. Intermediate: "Reading"—A. C. Strange.
Room 8. Advanced: "Shall Grammar Be Eliminated?"—W. R. Davis.
Room 9. High School: "The Reference Library"—E. F. Carleton.
1:30 Opening. Boys' Glee Club. Prayer by Rev. H. L. Ford.
1:50 to 2:30 Address: "The Role of The Teacher; This or Nothing?"—E. O. Sisson.
2:30 to 3:00 Address: "The Transient and Permanent in Education"—W. R. Davis.
3:00 to 3:15 Recess.
3:15 to 4:00 Departments.
Room 3. Rural: "What Are Your Troubles?"—M. S. Pittman.
Room 2. Primary: "Blackboards and Books"—Miss Fox.
Room 7. Intermediate: "Measuring the Work of the School"—Dr. De Busk.
Room 8. Advanced: "The Recitation"—E. F. Carleton.
Room 9. High School: "Reality in Composition Teaching"—W. R. Davis.
Office: Special Teachers' Section.
Banquet arranged by Domestic Science Class.
Piano Solo: "Polonaise in E. Major," Liszt—Miss Cecilia Hindman.
Vocal Solo, Selected—Miss Deborah Smith.
Address: "Paramount Issues in Education"—E. O. Sisson.

Silas Christofferson Killed In Accident

Redwood, Cal., Oct. 31.—(United Press)—Silas Christofferson, an aviator, and proprietor of an aviation school fell with an aircraft today on a military tractor and died 30 minutes later. His chest was crushed and his ribs broken, they penetrating his lungs. During his last plunge Christofferson struggled to extricate himself from the machine. His wife witnessed the disaster. Christofferson formerly lived in Portland and made many scores of flights over that city.

Erie President In Favor of 8-Hour Law

Contents Present Law Permits I. C. C. to Regulate and Arrange Without Further Legislation on the Issue.

George Barnhart, chairman of the Grievance Committee of the O.-W. Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, produces the following to show that there is not universal disapproval of the Adamson bill on the part of the railroads. It is the statement of President F. D. Underwood of the Erie railroad, who said on Sept. 23 at Milwaukee, Wis.:

"The railroad chiefs of the country were not opposed to the eight-hour day, contrary to the opinion that prevailed throughout the country. There is a general feeling that the eight-hour day is coming, and no doubt it will come, and it ought to come. The eight-hour day law will cost the Erie railroad \$3,000,000 a year. I do not believe additional legislation is needed by congress on this question. The Interstate Commerce commission can take care of the raise in rates if any is needed. Congress has set up the Interstate Commerce commission to take care of railroad matters. If the commission could take care of both wages and rates, there would be no objection, because the commission is unquestionably honest and capable."

"Mr. Wilson, however, was not playing politics. He was doing what he honestly thought the best for the country. No one could associate with Mr. Wilson, as the railroad men of the country did during these negotiations, and charge him with playing politics in any way. Only some newspapers charge the President worked for political effect."

DEATH CLAIMS YOUNG LADY

Mrs. Grant Lincoln Hears of Niece's Death in Idaho.

News of the death of Miss Nellie O'Connors, aged 26, at Montpelier, Idaho, Monday, has reached Mrs. Grant Lincoln of this city. The deceased was a niece of the La Grande lady. On account of ill health Mrs. Lincoln is unable to attend the funeral.

Miss O'Connors had been ill for several months with heart trouble.

Tonight at 6:30 an even hundred teachers, located at points along the Joseph branch, will arrive in La Grande as the advance guard of the 400 who will be assembled in La Grande tomorrow morning to attend the opening of the 16th annual institute of the Eastern Oregon branch of the Oregon Teachers' association. In a preliminary way, two troops of Boy Scouts are today calling upon the business men who had previously volunteered cars, not to fail to be at the Elgin train this evening at 6:30. Under the direction of Jay Fulkerson, mathematics teacher, the Boy Scouts will direct the auto drivers to the rooms assigned the teachers.

Reservations Already Made. C. A. McNeil went to Joseph this morning and returns tonight as official guide for the visiting teachers. He will assign each teacher on the train to rooms before arrival. The same system will be followed out tomorrow morning when No. 17 brings the teachers from the East.

The first bit of social entertainment for the visitors comes tonight when the Y. M. C. A. party extends a special greeting to the visiting teachers.

Slight Addition to Programs. Addenda of a brief sort have been made. Tomorrow morning, E. E. Bragg, former county school superintendent, will introduce the new president—Linden McCullough, who is filling the unexpired term of John Girdle. Rev. G. L. Clark of the Presbyterian church will invoke blessing of the Diety upon the assembly, and then the regular program will be taken up. The afternoon session will be opened with prayer by Rev. H. L. Ford of the Christian church.

Banquet Tomorrow Evening. Following the initial day program the Domestic Science department of the high school under the direction of Miss Kirtley will serve what promises to be the biggest banquet in point of numbers seated that has been arranged in La Grande in years. Considerably more than 400 are expected.

Instructions Coming Tonight. Prof. Davis of Whitman college and Dr. E. O. Sisson, commissioner of education in Idaho, are among the first looked to come for the instruction class. The others will arrive as their parts appear on the program.

The weather gods having gotten the grousches out of their system in the way of showers, prophets declare splendid weather will grace the convention days.

Weather Forecast.

Fair tonight and Wednesday. Cooler, west winds.

STEAMER GROUNDS IN SOUND

High Tide Takes Boat Off and Journey Then Resumed.

Seattle, Oct. 31.—(United Press)—An unidentified steamer, supposedly the Pacific coast liner Senator, has grounded at West Point, ten miles North. She floated at high tide and resumed her voyage Northward.

Mexican Train Reported Wrecked

El Paso, Oct. 31.—(United Press)—It is privately reported bandits wrecked a Mexican Central train between Chihuahua and Juarez. Carranzista officials denied it and declared trains are running regularly.

HECKLER GETS HUGHES' VIEW ON EMBARGOES

INDIANA MAN "WANTS TO BE INFORMED" AND DESIRE IS QUICKLY FULFILLED.

WILSON MEN SAY LARGE SUMS SPENT BY G. O. P.

Before Wilson Starts on New York Campaign, Lieutenants Say Opposition Spending Vast Sum of Money and That Democrats Lack Funds to Answer With.

Columbus, Ind., Oct. 31.—(United Press)—A spectator heckled Mr. Hughes, demanding whether he would favor an embargo against munitions shipments. Hughes replied: "I favor maintenance of every right, including rights of travel and rights of shipments. It's a very important right, especially important now. While the great war is raging we should vindicate our neutral rights and maintain the integrity of international law. It is a very thoughtless policy to surrender any important right for sentimental consideration, when we have a vast necessity of neutral commerce and importance of neutral rights to consider with respect to the American future."

Hughes made four speeches in Indiana, and speaks at Evansville tonight. He gives five addresses tomorrow.

Hughes is confident of winning Indiana and also two Republican senators from there.

Democrats Quietly Worried.

Long Branch, Oct. 31.—(United Press)—President Wilson leaves tonight to spend two days in New York state. He gives his Buffalo speech tomorrow night but his most important address is at New York Thursday night.

Democrats have promised unprecedented receptions at both cities.

Wilson's lieutenants apparently are optimistic but quietly profess uneasiness, saying Republicans are dispensing an unprecedented sum of money to check the Wilson tide. Democrats claim Republicans have thrice the Democratic funds, and declare the Republican National advertising campaign is creating false impressions. They say low funds prevent them replying.

First-Aid Class Completes Course

School Teachers, Fire Chief and Mill Men Profit From Red Cross Course in First-Aid.

Dr. William N. Lipscomb, who for the past week has been conducting classes in emergency work at the Y. M. C. A., left this morning for a two-day trip to the Palmer Lumber Co. camp at Vincent. This will be the second trip to the camp. The men were very much interested on the occasion of the first visit and requested a return. As this is an isolated camp, such knowledge is needed.

The ladies' class, conducted here, was the idea of Mr. McCullough, superintendent of schools here. Being interested in the value of first-aid in its relation to teacher and pupil, he made the request that Dr. Lipscomb take a class of volunteers from the teaching force. Fourteen ladies took the course, passing with extremely creditable grades, more than satisfying the American Red Cross requirements as to time spent, and took more interest in the subject than the men. In addition to the emergency instruction Dr. Lipscomb pointed out to the teachers those cases among children which require the services of a doctor, dentist, or oculist, the treatment of which will often rescue the so-called backward child from poor health and indifferent grades. Here is a subject which needs attention and for which so many parents are to blame. The teachers also learned certain points which give rise to suspicion of oncoming contagious diseases. The realization of which should isolate the child, thus probably preventing its spread.

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UNITED STATES SENATOR GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.



Oregon lawmaker who is in La Grande today to deliver campaign speech supporting present administration. The likeness of the senator herewith shows him as he appeared when he left the Governor's chair in Oregon and went to Washington.

Everybody Welcome At Hallowe'en Show

Not Only Visiting Teachers but Public of La Grande Cordially Welcomed at Big Reception This Evening.

The Hallowe'en social to be given at the Y. M. C. A. tonight, promises to be one of the most successful events that has ever been given at the Y. M. C. A. The committees in charge are making extensive preparations to make this event one that will be remembered; the decorating committee has spent considerable time in making the lobby very Hallowe'en like; pumpkins in jack o'lantern style are in abundance; witches and corn stalks are used in the decorating of the building. It is worth the while of all to come and see this feature alone.

The plan of the program committee is to make the event an informal tea—ducking for apples, fortune telling, a tour through the building, popping corn, games in the gymnasium and an all round good time is the extent of the program.

The tour that has been planned will give a person enough shivers to last for a few days. Experts in fortune telling will tell visitors' past, present and future.

Every person in La Grande is cordially invited to attend this event. The visiting teachers will be present and it is a chance for the people of La Grande to show their hospitality. There will be enough refreshments for all. The cider will be served by a group of young ladies and will be drawn from a well in an old oaken bucket. Apples enough for hundreds will also be given out by the young ladies.

INTERVIEW IS DISAVOWED

Envoy to Washington Denies Statement Quoted—Lansing Accepts.

Washington, Oct. 31.—(United Press)—Envoy Arredondo met Secretary of State Lansing today and denied authenticity of an alleged Mexican interview criticizing the American administration. A Mexican news bureau issued the interview Saturday, quoting Mexican Commissioner Cabrera. Lansing has accepted the explanation.

Hobgoblin's Hour Is At Hand; Beware, All

Night of Great Jollification Will Be Celebrated by Old and Young—Ghosts and Sprites in Fine Fettle for Larks.

Hallowe'en is here once more.

For weeks, now, little folks—and some big ones—with mischievous traits, have had things spotted which would be real nice material for Hallowe'en pranks this evening. While plots and conspiracies have been fomenting and will be sure to give the young lots of amusement, there have also been innumerable plans laid for entertainment of older persons this evening—sprites will run wild, goblins and ghosts will leave their innings and woe be he who has a grouch this night. Old and young are prepared for a night of innocent amusement in these parts.

Just as a matter of Safety First it might be well to gather up loose trinkets lying about yards and alleys for else they might be gone tomorrow morning.

Late this afternoon Chief of Police Ardrey didn't know if any special police would be put on tonight or not.

SENATOR AND CONGRESSMAN MEET AT TRAIN

SEN. CHAMBERLAIN ARRIVES ON TRAIN WHICH TAKES REPRESENTATIVE OUT.

SPEECH TONIGHT BEGINS AT 7:30 O'CLOCK SHARP

United States Senator to Speak of "Constructive Legislation and Policies of Administration." Ralph Watson Will "Cover" Story for the Journal.

Today's noon train brought in a Democratic United States senator and took away a Republican congressman when George E. Chamberlain arrived from the West, and N. J. (Nick) Sinnott, M. C. went to Haines after spending the morning in La Grande. Mr. Sinnott and a group of La Grande people went to Union last evening to conduct a rally there and report it to have been a successful one.

Portland Scribe With Solon.

Ralph Watson, Portland newspaper man, later corporation commissioner, for a time private secretary to Governor West, and now "doing" Oregon for the Portland Journal's political page, came to La Grande with Senator Chamberlain, and will "cover" the speech which the senator delivers tonight, for the Journal.

Senator Is Tired.

"I spoke six hours yesterday declared Mr. Chamberlain when officials of the Woodrow Wilson club sought to have him go to Union and Cove this afternoon, "and I must decline—I am tired." Bad roads helped to dissuade the committee from its purposes.

The solon remained in La Grande all afternoon.

Senator Chamberlain probably remembers a wild ride he and Turner Oliver took in 1912 when the senator attempted to visit Union and fill a speaking date in La Grande the same day. That was before pavement days, and an audience that waited long and patiently on the sidewalk in front of the Steward opera house was liberally splattered with mud when the senator's car dashed up in mad haste after having been often mired en route.

"I shall speak on constructive legislation enacted by the administration, and upon the administration's policies" the senator said to a group of friends on his arrival, regarding themes for his speech tonight at the M. E. church. The address begins at 7:30 sharp. F. J. Holmes will introduce the speaker. Mrs. A. L. Richardson will sing a solo.

Another well known Democrat in the city today from out of town is C. H. McColloch, of Baker, who came up to attend the Teachers' institute and also to hear Senator Chamberlain. Mr. McColloch is the father of State Senator McColloch.

WHEAT DECLINE IS SHARP

Portland, Oct. 31.—(United Press)—Wheat has dropped three to five cents. Bluestem is now \$1.61. Lower markets prevail at Chicago and aboard.

12-Mill Tax Is Needed For Schools

Levy Similar to Last Year's—Budget Published Soon—Seniors of High School to Take School Census.

A levy of 12 mills, similar to the levy of last year, was declared by the directors of the La Grande school district at its meeting last evening. The budget for 1917 has been drafted and prepared. It calls for little or nothing out of the ordinary demands upon tax money for maintenance of schools and will be published in a few days.

In addition to establishing the tax levy the board elected to have the school census taken by seniors of the high school. Previously to this year this work was done by one person, but the seniors will be recruited and the usual pay given them. The work will be instructive to the students.