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CANADIAN U BOAT SUNK, 50 HANDS PERISH

OTTAWA ADMITS LIKELIHOOD OF DISASTER OFF COAST OF NOVA SCOTIA

ROUMANIAN RETREAT HAS NOT BEEN CURTAILED

Fighting on the West Last Night and Today Not General, While There Is Sharp Skirmishing North of Mon- astir—Italians Check Bulgarian Artillery Fire.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—(United Press)—The chief censor has reported as follows:

"The minister of naval service has announced that it is feared a Canadian torpedo boat Grise, under command of Lieut. Walter Wingate, has been lost with all hands, off the coast of Nova Scotia."

The craft carried 50 sailors, mostly Britishers.

Monastir Vicinity in Conflict.

Paris, France, Dec. 13.—(United Press)—Spirited fighting is reported from north of Monastir. The allies' machine guns and artillery fire checked a Bulgarian counter against the Italian positions.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—(United Press via Sayville).—A press bureau has announced German sea forces off Flanders entered Soofden the night of December 9, and halted a Dutch steamer, the Caledonian, and the Brazilian steamer Rio Parda. They carried contraband en route to England.

It is announced Roumanians have resumed the retreat. They attempted a stand at the flooded Yalomita river, but Germans captured 4000. Successful patrol engagements occurred in the Carpathians.

Austrians repulsed Russians in Transylvania.

There was artillery on the Somme and Meuse sectors, and night patrols clashed, but the western front was otherwise quiet.

War Losses Enumerated.

London, Eng., Dec. 13.—(United Press)—Germany's total losses at the end of November 3, were 921,859, and include 946,927 dead. The figures are based on the official casualty lists.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—(United Press)—Official state dispatches said Greek Royalists fired upon neutrals' homes during the Athens rioting and fired shots at neutral diplomats' dwellings. The state department has announced the action caused neutral diplomats to protest to King Constantine. American Minister Droppers has participated in the protest.

POTLATCH ATTENDS INDIAN WEDDING FEAST

Pendleton, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Celebrating the marriage of Isabel Craig, daughter of J. J. Craig, well known Indian rancher, and Birdie French, a young Indian farmer of the Yakima reservation, a big potlatch and feast was held Monday at the Craig home and there were many Yakima Indians as well as Indians from the Umatilla reservation present.

The wedding took place several weeks ago but the celebration awaited the arrival of the bridegroom's relatives and friends from Toppenish. A big wedding feast was held at 11 o'clock and at the potlatch there was a general exchange of presents, some of them valued at several hundred dollars. The parents of the young couple each contributed generously to the newlyweds. The custom is an ancient Indian one and, though Craig is one of the most enlightened Indians on the reservation, he believes in retaining the best of the old customs and traditions of his people.

It will be remembered that Craig's daughter several months ago purchased a Buick automobile, thus becoming the first Indian girl to own her own car. Her husband is a grand nephew of S. G. Waters, an Indian minister of the M. E. church at Toppenish. Waters and William Dick, another Yakima Indian, returned home this afternoon.

County's Winnings At Stock Show Big

Carload Exhibits Especially Take
Away Prizes—G. W. Chandler
Presents Many Winning Exhibits—
Others Successful.

Now that the stock show at Portland is over, stockmen of this county have had opportunity to really review what this vicinity accomplished at the big exhibit of beef and other meat animals. Paul Spillman, county agriculturalist, has just completed a full survey of what was done. In speaking of the winnings made, he goes on to say:

Of late you may have been reading of the Pacific International Livestock show held at Portland the past week. This show makes provision for large classes of fat livestock, not merely for the pure breeds but for the every day kind of cattle that we see on the ordinary farms of the county, after they have been fitted for market. Now some of you will say "that is the kind of cattle or stock that I am interested in—none of this fancy stuff for me," but this is just where we find that the "fancy stuff" does count. This exhibit of fat animals at Portland and the way the awards were placed show better than ever that it takes two kinds to make first class market animals, breeding and utility of the right kind of feed.

Some of Union county pride ourselves on the number of herds and flocks of purebred horses, cattle, sheep and swine. And from these herds have gone out sires to be used on the common stock of the county. And herein lies the value to all of Union county in these herds of well bred animals, as they are used to build up the common stock of the small and large herds within our borders. One had to attend this last show to have this fact borne home, for it was from Union county that five out of nine of the carload lots of beef cattle came and it was Union county that carried off five out of a possible nine awards, against cattle from other parts of the state.

And in the car lot exhibit of swine it was the same Union county taking four out of five places. All of these animals came from ranches that believed in good sires, which resulted in uniformity of type, color and feeding ability. It was a remarkable showing and without the delegations from our valleys the carlot entries at the Pacific International would have been small indeed. We have always contended that our pure breeds could shine in any company and we have proven as much for our grades.

Awards, name of exhibitor, to whom sold and price per cwt.

Grand champion carload feeders, two years and up, Herefords, W. J. Chandler, Portland Feeder Co., \$7.75.

First prize yearling Hereford steers, car lot, W. J. Chandler, Union Meat Co., \$9.00.

First prize, two years old and up, Shorthorn steers, car lot, W. J. Chandler, Western Meat Co., \$10.25.

Second prize, two years old and up, car lot, Hereford steers, J. W. Chandler, Western Meat Co., \$12.00.

Third prize, two year steers, car lot, Herefords, J. W. Chandler, M. J. Gill, \$10.45.

HOGS.

Grand champion Berkshire, car lot, J. W. Chandler, Union Meat Co., \$13.40.

First prize lightweight Durocs, car lot, J. W. Wilkerson, Union, Western Meat Co., \$12.00.

Second prize lightweight Poland Chinas, car lot, J. W. Chandler, Union Meat Co., \$11.60.

Fourth prize light hogs, mixed car lot, T. B. Johnson, Oberle Packing Co., \$12.00.

Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binger, Dec. 12, a daughter. Mother and babe doing well.

French Cabinet Announced.

Paris, France, Dec. 13.—(United Press)—Premier Briand has appointed General Joffre as counselor to the new war cabinet. The personnel is as follows: Briand, foreign affairs; Ribot, finances; Yyatay, war; Lacaso, marine, and Thomas, munitions.

BEAR KILLED NEAR THE BUCKAROO CITY

Pendleton, Dec. 13.—(Special)—A black bear was killed yesterday morning about noon by William McCormach a short distance above Havana station, eight miles from town. The bear had evidently been driven out of the mountains on account of lack of food. It was first noted at the McCormach ranch by one of the men and the dogs treed the bruin while Mr. McCormach was notified. Mr. McCormach, W. R. Withee and J. W. McCormach went to the farm and the bear was brought to earth by a shot fired by Will McCormach. The animal was brought to town.

LLOYD GEORGE TO ANSWER GERMAN PEACE PROPOSALS IN NEXT TUESDAY'S SPEECH

UNCLE SAM ADVISED THAT GERMANY PURPOSEDLY OMITTED SPECIFIC PEACE PRINCIPLES PREFERRING TO SIMPLY NOTIFY ALLIES SHE WAS READY TO DISCUSS PEACE. EMBASSIES AT BERLIN CALL MOVE MASTER DIPLOMATIC STROKE. ENGLISH PEOPLE INCLINED TO IGNORE NEW MOVEMENT.

London, Dec. 13.—The United Press late this afternoon ascertained from various sources the allies' peace terms. Although unofficial, the information is believed to represent concessions Germany must make to obtain peace: Evacuation and restoration of Belgium, northern France, Poland, Serbia, and Roumania. Full indemnity for devastation. Restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France. Constantinople straits to go to Russia. Indemnity of ship for ship of all destroyed vessels. Adequate punishment of officers responsible for German atrocities.

All quarters have emphasized the only possible negotiable peace questions are: Disposition of captured German colonies and limitation of Germany's future armament.

By CARL ACKERMAN
(United Press Correspondent)

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The American embassy believes Germany has not flatly asked the neutrals to start peace negotiations, but merely requested America, Spain and Switzerland to inform entente nations that the central powers are willing to discuss peace. The diplomatic corps here considers the move a masterstroke.

Secretary Grew of the American embassy, personally typed the translation of the chancellor's note. Hollweg asked Mr. Grew to send it to London, Petrograd, Paris and Roumania; and he asked the Spanish ambassador to communicate it to Belgium and Portugal, and the Swiss ambassador to communicate it to Italy.

London, Dec. 13.—(United Press)—The United Press is reliably informed that Premier Lloyd George is preparing an answer to Chancellor Hollweg's peace proposals, to be included in his "government policy" speech to be delivered to the house of commons next Tuesday. In the meantime, it is expected other allies will be consulted, and furthermore, it is not likely that any official announcement of the English viewpoint of the German proposals will be made.

Peace Views in America.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The absence of specific peace terms by the German chancellor somewhat disappointed those expecting a concrete expression on which negotiations might begin.

The German view of the chancellor's proposal is that it is a step forward toward peace discussion which ought to show definite progress early in January. There is no possibility of a peace conference being held in America. Berne or The Hague are most likely.

Entente diplomats regard the peace offer having a double purpose, placing upon the entente the responsibility of continuing the war and impressing the German people they are fighting a defensive conflict against enemies who refuse quarter.

Actual procedure conveying Germany's proposal to her enemies begins with Grew at Berlin forwarding a note to Washington. The state department will forward it to the American diplomatic representative residing in the country to be addressed, and he will present it to that government. America represents the Teutons in Belgium, France, Britain, Japan, Russia, Serbia and Roumania.

One effect of the peace proposal will be to hold in abeyance the diplomatic issues pending between America and the warring nations. The submarine issue, protest against deportation of Belgians and the controversy with Britain over mails and commerce will be halted until it becomes apparent whether they will be solved by the advent of peace.

In German quarters it is believed

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Miss Rankin Helped By Girl Reporter

Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 13.—Dividing interest with the news that Montana has elected the first congresswoman, is the fact that another woman—a mere girl—was largely responsible for victory won by the suffragists of the state when they sent Miss Jeanette Rankin to the lower house.

Her name is Miss Belle Fligelman. She is small of stature and with her youth and charm might be expected to seek pleasure in society. Miss Fligelman is a newspaper woman. It was not from necessity that she became a reporter as her father is one of the richest merchants in Helena. Assignments given Miss Fligelman were not of the sort women generally

receive. Political meetings, state conventions and important court trials were to her liking. She objected to the scribbling of small doings in society.

Miss Fligelman believed that the greatest hope for Miss Rankin in the August primaries were to be based on the facts that the women of the state were at last entitled to vote and that she would be an out and out "dry" candidate.

A state bureau was established and Miss Fligelman put in charge. As a result no woman in the state but what was reminded daily through the newspapers that a woman who wished to make Montana "dry" was running for congress.

The wide publicity given Miss Rankin's unwavering standards resulted in the United States witnessing the first woman ever chosen to sit in the national halls of legislation.

When the "Parka Kid" and Servant
of God Met on Snow Trail



(Staff Correspondence.)

Seward, Alaska, Dec. 13.—The one robbed sluice boxes. The other staked claims for God Almighty in men's souls.

And now the two have met—the "Blue Parka Kid" and Bishop Rowe of the Episcopal church.

It was on the snow trail between Fairbanks and the gold creeks. Each had heard much of the other, though neither knew at that moment the other's identity.

"Know who I am?" queried the outlaw, clothed in the fox skin coat that had given him his feared name. "I'm the blue parka man," he said with savage pride. "Now shell out—quick!"

"Glad to meet you, Blue Parka," responded the unruffled Bishop of Alaska. "I've heard a lot about you up in the diggings."

"Know who I am?" he asked in turn, in no hurry to "shell out."

"I am Bishop Rowe, servant of God, if you please."

"Pass on, Bishop—my mistake," stammered the outlaw, apologetically. "Nothing very dramatic about the meeting. Nothing exciting. Just a sort of howdy and goodbye."

But from that time on there was no more sluice box rifling by the "Blue Parka Kid."

Corporations Of County Assessed

Assessor Advised That Assessment Is
Placed on Public Utilities of Union
County, Which Is Added to County
Value.

Assessor Couch today received from the state tax commission the valuation of the railroad and public utilities property in Union county, which is \$4,584,447.42.

This makes the total taxable property in Union county \$20,411,707.42. Corporations Worth \$5,529,586.06.

Baker, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The total assessed valuations of the corporations holding property in Baker county for 1916 is \$5,529,586.06, an increase of \$45,650.06 over the valuations of last year, according to the State Tax commission report received yesterday by Harry Hyde, county assessor.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company which pays the largest tax of any corporation assessed in Baker county, is listed as owning property valued at \$3,911,492. This company's property was listed at \$3,883,945 last year.

The following are the valuations of the larger corporations of the county this year as compared with those of last year: Sumpter Valley railroad, 1916 \$438,672, 1915 \$421,994; Oregon Short Line and Homestead branch, 1916 \$745,879, 1915 \$745,176; Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, 1916 \$173,432, 1915 same; Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, 1916 \$76,406.90, 1915 \$74,680.

Editor Addresses Students.

At the Wednesday morning assembly of high school students this morning, Clarke Leiter addressed the student body. He spoke of Stanford university alumni, recording some of the achievements of a few of them. Various men of affairs are called in to address the students on these stated occasions.

Logger Hurt By Fall.

A logger from Perry, whose name was not learned, but who is a familiar visitor to the city, fell on the sidewalk on Depot street this afternoon and was knocked unconscious thereby. Surgical examination determined that he was not much hurt, but that it is probable an overdose of alcohol caused his collapse. His scalp was bruised and cut, starting the blood. He was taken into Herman Roesch's cigar store for preliminary treatment. It is believed that when he sleeps off the effects of the alcohol he will be little the worse for his bruises.

SECRET ARREST OF YANKEE IS PROTEST THEM

GOVERNMENT TAKES UP WITH CARRANZA RECENT DETEN- TION OF AMERICAN

SMUGGLED ARMS AND AMMUNITION CAPTURED

Charges of Conspiracy to Violate American Neutrality Filed by Govern- ment—Ten Thousand Rifles and Much Ammunition Confiscated— Suspect Son of Prominent Family.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—(United Press)—The state department has made strong representations to the Carranza government regarding the arrest of Ricardo Solis, an American citizen. Solis was arrested at Matamoros and taken to Victoria for trial. Departmental investigation established that Solis is an American citizen and shows he is held without specific charges.

Conspiracy Is Charged.

Houston, Dec. 13.—(United Press)—The government has charged R. Mier, a Mexican, with conspiring to violate the American neutrality. Ten thousand rifles and ammunition were seized at Galveston. Mier's father was war minister under Porfirio Diaz.

PECULIAR ARCTIC OWL DIES AT PENDLETON

Pendleton, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The Arctic or snowy owl which has been in captivity at the office of Major Lee Moorhouse for the past four or five days, died late yesterday afternoon. It had refused everything offered it to eat during its captivity. It was skinned by Stanley Jewett of the biological survey and the skin will be preserved as a biological specimen.

More Banditry Reported.

Juarez, Dec. 13.—(United Press)—Foreigners arriving on the border have declared Roble's rebels captured Puebla, 100 miles south of Mexico City. Another attack on Chihuahua City is feared.

Better Roads Desired.

Pendleton, Dec. 13.—(Special)—A river road from Pendleton to Echo is the very latest road agitation in the county and one that gives promise of some fruition. Such a road would, it is urged by the chief advocates of the road, eliminate the notorious Echo-Pendleton stretch of bad road, would serve more people, be more scenic and would have an easier grade.

The present road from Pendleton to Echo goes up over the hill most of the way and is some distance from the river. However, there is already a fairly good road along the river from Echo as far as Yoakum while at this end the county is building a good road from Pendleton to Rieth. This would leave only the Yoakum-Rieth stretch yet to build.

House to Remain At Home.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—(United Press)—It is learned the administration does not intend to send Col. House, President Wilson's personal advisor, to Europe to take a hand in the German peace movement. Col. House spent last night at the White House and conferred with Secretary of State Lansing briefly this morning, and then returned to New York.

Another Attorney May Locate Here

R. J. Kitchen, of Union, Admits He Is Considering Transfer of Home to La Grande During the Winter.

R. J. Kitchen, a Union attorney, today admitted the truth of a rumor that he is seriously contemplating removal to La Grande. Mr. Kitchen came over on business this morning. In answering a query concerning his proposed transfer, he admitted he was seriously considering it. Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen own a fine home in Union, but the attorneys feels there is a greater field for the future in La Grande. He will probably announce in a few days a final decision in the matter.