

SAFE CONDUCT FINALLY GIVEN TO TARNOWSKY

BRITISH GIVE IN TO THE AMERICAN REQUEST AFTER PROLONGED REFUSALS

CONSENT FOLLOWS RUMOR OF RESORT TO FORCE

English Contention Austrian Ambassador's Party Is Too Big Finally Obliterated and the New Envoy Will Sail in Safety to His New Post at Washington.

London, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—The allies have, after prolonged delay, granted safe conduct to Count Tarnowsky, the new Austrian ambassador to America. Britain originally refused this safe conduct, claiming the Tarnowsky party was too big. America's first note to Britain demanding safe conduct papers, went unanswered.

In the meantime talk of sending an American warship to Europe to convey Count Tarnowsky became general. Then Uncle Sam made a second request and now the consent comes forward.

Island City People Wedded. Charles Ellis Chadwick and Audrey Simmonis were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick, parents of the groom, acted as witnesses. The principals live in Island City.

STUDENT CONFESSES THEFTS Spokane Youth at Seattle Robbed Fraternity Houses of Jewelry.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Harry Williams, aged 17, who entered the University of Washington last autumn as a freshman and who gave his residence as Spokane, was arrested today, charged with stealing jewelry and clothing from fraternity houses near the university. Most of the stolen articles have been recovered. The police say that Williams confessed stealing from the fraternity houses.

Farmers' Lands Are Damaged. Eugene, Ore., Dec. 15.—(Special)—The Farmers' Commercial club, recently organized at Thurston, will hold a meeting Saturday, when Prof. A. T. Teeters, after an examination of the McKenzie river, which is encroaching upon lands of the farmers of that neighborhood, will discuss the proper steps to be taken to arrest the damage being done by the river. An all-day meeting will be held. In the evening a number of Eugene bankers will discuss the rural credits law.

Pneumonia Takes 3 in One Family. Dallas, Ore., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Clayton Dimick, aged 14 years, was the third member of the Dimick family to die within five weeks with pneumonia. He passed away this week. Five weeks ago a brother of the dead boy died, and Saturday morning the father, Jasper B. Dimick, succumbed, and Clayton Dimick died 12 hours after the burial of the father. The mother is also confined to her home with pneumonia with slight chances for recovery.

CHRISTMAS ANNUALS LIMITED IN NUMBER

There will be a limited supply of Christmas Observer Annals, and those desiring copies should place their order tomorrow in advance of the publication tomorrow afternoon to insure reservation of same. The edition will review the resources of Union county, deal with schools and other subjects of prominence, and is, generally speaking, an exhaustive symposium of some of the outstanding features of 1916 in Union county in an industrial way, as well as Wallawa county.

C. P. Newlin Is New City Recorder

Successor to Sheriff-elect Made—Actual Transfer Takes Place Immediately After Christmas

Chester P. Newlin, accountant and auditor, has been named city recorder to succeed Lee Warnick, resigned and sheriff-elect. Mr. Newlin, who has often audited the city books and is largely familiar with the hundreds of accounts that are involved in the handling of the three and a quarter million dollar business, will spend several half days in the office with Mr. Warnick and on the day after Christmas will take the office over, the Warnick resignation becoming effective at that time.

MAN INJURED AT RIETH, ORE.

Albert Buschi Is Taken to the Hospital Suffering from Cut on Head.

Rieth, Ore., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Following an altercation here last night between H. B. Myers and Albert Buschi, the former is alleged to have struck the latter over the head with a heavy hammer. A painful wound was caused and Buschi was taken to the hospital where today he was reported to be resting easy. It is said that he is in no immediate danger.

How the quarrel started is not known. Both men were employed as car repairers at the yards here.

La Grande Shriners Awaiting Ceremonial

Patrols of Many Cities and Shriners of Two States Going to Portland—Initiates From La Grande Are Arranged For.

Several Knight Templars of this city will be taken over the hot sands to Shrinedom in Portland, January 27. Word has gone forth from the Kader temple to Shriners in Oregon and Washington to be on hand that date, and the La Grande Shriners are going to take a group of prospective Shriners to Portland with them and watch the performance there. The exact number of initiates and Shriners to make the trip is not at this time definite.

The meeting is called the Annual Pacific Northwest Ceremonial and is to be held each year in some section of the two states.

The Shrine temples at Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Ashland will send their patrols for the ceremonial, and if the weather is clear the drill teams will appear on the streets in the afternoon. Should rain prevent a street appearance the National Guard armory will be rented and the drills will occur at that place. The patrols always appear in brilliant uniforms and present a brilliant spectacle.

Each of the visiting Shriners will take part in conferring the degrees on a large class of candidates. The work will be done at the Eleventh Street playhouse.

Each Shrine will be accompanied by a band.

The banquet is to be served at Hotel Multnomah and arrangements will be made to seat 1000 guests.

The ceremonial will last all day, and probably continue through most of the night.

LODGE LIGHTS ARE NEW

Four Principal Orders in Masonry to Have Group Signal Lights.

The Masonic lodge is today installing a fine, large electric sign on the wall of the Masonic temple. The frame itself is about four feet by six and in the center, one under the other, are four colored globes electrically lighted, and in the order in which the respective departments are in session. The Blue lodge, Royal Arch, Knights Templar and Eastern Star each have their respective lights and Masons will know by the lights which branch of the order is in session any particular evening.

General Pershing Promoted.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—President Wilson has recommended the promotion of Brig. Gen. Pershing to major general. He said the promotion would be an acknowledgment of General Pershing's Mexican services.

Notice to Sportsmen.

Once again the rabbit drive has been postponed, this time on account of a turkey shoot running in conflict. Sportsmen are notified accordingly.

PEACE PROPOSALS CONCERNING WILSON AND LANSING: ALLIES MAY MAKE COUNTER PROPOSALS

PUBLIC OPINION IN AMERICA EXPRESSED ONLY THROUGH MEDIUM OF THE PRESS—PREVIOUS FLOOD OF ADVISORY TELEGRAMS FROM AMERICANS HAD SUDDENLY CEASED—KAISER ASSUMES ATTITUDE OF CLEAN HANDS.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(Special)—President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing conferred for two hours this morning considering the proposition of making peace suggestions to the allies.

After the conference Mr. Lansing was reticent. He said: "There is nothing to say now. There is no announcement and no conclusion to discuss."

It is indicated the state department does not know American public opinion on the peace moves. Newspaper comment is the only means of ascertaining this sentiment. Hundreds of telegrams came to the state department suggesting America's course during the previous crises, but no telegrams have arrived since the peace moves started.

London, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, in asking the house of commons for 400,000,000 pounds further war credit, said:

"Two great advantages are possessed by the Germans: One is their preparedness, and another is that circumstances have so fallen out that their control of all the resources of our enemies are practically in one hand. One drawback of our allies is

that it is very difficult to get this general control. Success in war and the rapidity with which we can bring it to a victorious conclusion depends upon the extent of the resources of the entente in men and money. Munitions can be pooled and thrown into a common cause."

The chancellor said the war had cost Britain already 3,852,000,000 pounds. "It is a colossal figure," he said, "but not an appalling figure. We cannot continue at the present figure indefinitely. All we can hope for is that we can keep at that figure long enough to beat our enemies."

Berlin, Dec. 15.—(United Press via Sayville)—The Kaiser addressed his Alsace troops today, and declared Germany has expressed willingness to enter peace negotiations, because it is fully victorious. The Kaiser said: "We proposed mediation but the outcome is unknown. If the war continues the enemy is responsible. If the allies think they have not had enough, you'll convince them."

The Kaiser was in highest spirits. He praised Alsace's loyalty and called Roumania a country attempting "to stab our ally in the back." He reviewed the troops while aeroplanes circled overhead, on account of French raiders.

HAVE NO FUNDS FOR PRISONERS

Student Body Generally Opposes Sending Money Across Seas.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 15.—(Special)—At a meeting of the student body of O. A. C. yesterday many of the members strongly evidenced their disapproval of the plan to send money for Christmas gifts to students in Europe who are prisoners of war. The appeal of E. T. Reed, college editor, for donations to the fund for suffering students met with little favor. A. C. Fertig, a prominent member, appealed for money for the student loan fund which has made it possible for many to attend college and which is now nearly exhausted. He asked that this be replenished before any money be sent abroad.

Richard J. Werner, yell leader and temporary editor of the student publication, "The Barometer," stated that many are trying to get through college on two meals a day and that if the help of the loan fund were denied them, they would be forced to leave school.

Many colleges and universities in the country have already raised hundreds and thousands of dollars to be sent to student prisoners.

CIVIL SERVICES ASK RAISE

Senator Chamberlain Urged to Support Bigger Wage Measures.

Portland, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—The federal employees union has telegraphed to Senator Chamberlain asking him to support measures designed to raise wages. They declare a dollar's purchasing power has been greatly decreased during the year. Many salaries are totally inadequate to support families.

TRAMPS CAPTURE TRAIN

AND POSSE MEETS IT

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Officers have gone to Saugus, 20 miles north, to meet a S. P. freight. The sheriff's office has telegrams saying 30 hoboes captured the train and forced the engineer to run past Saugus, where he wanted to take water. The tramps are reported to be well armed and a battle is expected.

PORTLAND FLOUR PRICES

SUMP IN BIG JUMPS

Portland, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Flour dropped 20 cents today. Patent is \$7.80 a barrel. Another 20-cent decline is expected tomorrow.

GROUNDING SUBMARINE WATCHED BY HUNDREDS: INQUIRY IS CALLED

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Naval officers have learned Admiral Caperton is preparing to call a board of inquiry to investigate the submarine H-3 accident yesterday. Crowds lined the beach watching the salvage under the supervision of Commander Howe of the Monitor Cheyenne.

A coast guard vessel, the McCulloch, has arrived to help pull the submarine off the shoal.

Slightly injured sailors are heroized. None were seriously hurt.

Twenty-seven sailors were saved last night when the craft went ashore in the heavy breakers near here and after it had seemed for a time that they certainly would be lost.

The men spent six hours in their gas-filled vessel, in imminent peril of their lives. They were finally brought ashore by breeches buoy. The battered diver was left in the surf, where heavy seas were playing pitch and toss with it when darkness shut it from view.

A line was shot to the derelict and at 4:45 p. m. a breeches buoy had

been rigged and the work of rescue began. The last man, Lieutenant Bogusch, was hauled ashore at 6:05 p. m. Lieutenant Bogusch said that water got into the batteries soon after the diver was trapped in the breakers; that chlorine gas in considerable quantity was released, but that it caused them no serious inconvenience.

When the saw the rescuers on the beach he tried to help them by lighting the H-3's tanks. As a result of this, the breakers carried the diver closer in shore. She was 150 yards from the beach when the last members of the crew were brought ashore.

Men Roughly Tumbled.

A member of the crew described the accident as follows: The fog was dense and suddenly there came scraping and a heavy bump which threw all hands to the floor. The boat rolled tremendously. We lashed ourselves to the nearest objects and finally life guards shot a line and rescued all hands."

Student Warblers On A Keen Edge

Presentation of a Nautical Knot Tonight Will Very Likely Excel All Other Musical Endeavor—Dance Not Conflicting.

At 8:15 o'clock tonight the curtain goes up on the first act of "The Nautical Knot." Under the coaching of Miss Hindman the singers are tuned to the best there is in them, and La Grande people will see an operetta tonight worth the money twice over. Miss Hindman and the teachers generally have established a reputation of doing things well when they undertake a project and those who have heard the rehearsals say that "Nautical Knot" will be one of the very best things ever presented in a musical way by the high school. Seat reservation has been heavy and it looks like a cleanup of standing room even.

The U & I Dancing club has made arrangements to accommodate those who want to attend both, and patrons can readily attend each affair and get all the enjoyment possible out of each.

Act I. Julia, the haughty belle of Barnstapole, is as proud as she is beautiful. All the sailor lads are hopelessly in love with her, but she scorns them all. On the eve of the departure of the "Bouncing Billow" for a year's voyage, Barnabas Lee, a wandering artist, comes to town and falls in love with Julia, who returns his affection. The sailor lads, driven to despair by their rival's success, plan to kidnap Barnabas, stow him aboard the "Bouncing Billow" and carry him to sea. They are successful in their scheme and the townsfolk returning from seeing the ship sail, announce to Julia that Barnabas was on board her.

In the meantime, Nancea gentle damsel—is loved by Joe Stout. Joe is as bashful as he is honest, and fearing a repulse he induces Bill Salt to propose to Nancea in his name. Bill promises to perform the task, but unfortunately he meets Julia first, and, thinking her the object of Joe's affections, delivers the bashful suitor's message to her.

Julia is a great believer in the old saying, "One in hand is better far than two that in the bushes are." She tells Bill to bid his friend try his luck a year hence. Bill, delighted at his supposed success, seeks Joe and informs him of the result, only to learn of the sad mistake he has made. The whistle sounds from the ship "All Aboard," and poor Joe is obliged to sail without seeing his sweetheart Nancea.

Julia tells Nancea of Joe's love for her and Nancea is heartbroken. The Barnstapole girls, having quarreled with the sailors, pretend indifference at their departure.

Act II. takes place one year hence. The townsfolk are waiting on the quay for the return of the "Bouncing Billow." The Barnstapole girls meeting a party of artists down from town for the day, take a malicious pleasure in going to welcome back the "Bouncing Billow" accompanied by the artists. The sailors who during their long absence from home had quite recovered from their love for Julia, are much chagrined to find that the Barnstapole girls are apparently quite indifferent to their return. Even Julia will not speak to them.

Bill Salt has the unpleasant duty of explaining his mistake to Julia and offering himself in Joe's place. Julia at first spurns him indignantly, but afterward accepts him. The happy return of Barnabas Lee releases Bill Salt from the noose he had cast about his own neck. Joe soon finds Nancea and explains the situation to her. The artists return to town and the sailors and girls become reconciled. The scene ends with the promise of many happy weddings in the near future.

All the girls will wear pretty summer costumes and hats or bonnets.

Engine Hits Aged Man.

Baker, Dec. 15.—(Special)—T. A. Brassfield, 84 years of age, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury yesterday morning, when he was knocked down by a switch engine on a crossing near the Standard Oil company plant in the northern end of the railroad yards. There are several parallel tracks at the point, and according to Mr. Brassfield, he thought the engine was not on the same track he was approaching. He admitted hearing the whistle blow, but did not think it was meant for him.

He was hit by the pilot and knocked down, suffering a slight fracture of one of his shoulder bones and bruises. O. W. R. & N. Surgeon Dr. W. L. Parker was called and gave the injured man attention. Mr. Brassfield being removed later to his home on the east side.

GREEKS BOW TO ALLIES: ALLIES CONTROL LINES

SURRENDER OF ARMS MADE IN ANSWER TO DEMANDS FROM THE ALLIES

SLAVS CONTINUE THEIR EASTERN LINE RETREAT

Telephone, Telegraph and Postoffices of Greece to Be Under Control of the Entente Powers and Strict Neutrality Is to Be Guaranteed As Side Issue.

London, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—A Central News Athens dispatch said today Greece has accepted the allies' ultimatum demanding the surrender of arms and allied control of telephone, telegraph and postoffice guaranteed, and with Greek neutrality.

More Retirement Admitted

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—It is reported Russo-Roumanians have evacuated Buzuev on account of enemy pressure, and corresponding retirement at Jakomitza.

Allies Exchanging Views.

London, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—The allied foreign offices have started an informal exchange of peace views. It is strongly indicated Britain intends to refuse Hallweg's terms, and state their own terms.

LLOYD GEORGE IS IMPROVED

Physicians Say He Can Address Commons Tuesday, As Planned

London, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Premier Lloyd George is greatly improved. His physician said he undoubtedly will be able to address the Commons on Tuesday.

John Redmond spoke to the Commons this afternoon, urging changes in Irish affairs. Bonar Law praised the speech and declared a new state of affairs in Ireland "is desirable."

O-W Not Likely To Declare An Embargo

Northern Pacific Puts Order Into Effect on Eastern Shipments—Effect Here Would Be Nil Either Way.

It is reported from high O-W. authorities that the placing of an embargo on wheat and flour to the east is not contemplated. The Northern Pacific is putting such an embargo into effect now, but yesterday afternoon the O-W. announced the plan was not contemplated at this time. In any event, such an embargo would not seriously embarrass shippers from the Grande Ronde valley. Much of the wheat is already moved.

Portland, Dec. 15.—(Special)—According to F. H. Fogarty, assistant general freight agent of the Northern Pacific, the purpose of the embargo is to retain the system's cars on its own lines and that it will be lifted as soon as shippers can demonstrate they can and will return cars promptly to the Northern Pacific's eastern terminals. Before the embargo is completely lifted cars will be supplied shippers on a guarantee that they will be promptly unloaded at Chicago grain elevators and flour warehouses.

No embargo is contemplated by the O-W. R. R. & N. states H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent, and S. A. Hering, car service agent, but that the system will continue doing the best possible with the equipment available to move wheat and flour to eastern markets.

Fireside Talk at "Y" Sunday.

Another fireside talk will be given at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon. The association will guarantee all its fireside talks as being first class. Rev. L. F. Smith, the evangelist of the Oregon Methodist Episcopal conference, will be the speaker and all men should make an effort to hear him. The meeting will start at 2:30 sharp.