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GERMAN RAIDER SINKS BRITISH SHIPS

BILLS DRAWN TO PROTECT EX-CONVICTS

REPRESENTATIVE TICHENOR WANTS LAW FORBIDDING PUBLISHING RECORDS.

HOUSE VOTES TO POSTPONE LEWIS' MARRIAGE BILL

Anderson Presents Measure Designed to Help Out Small Local Loan Concerns—Senate Votes \$25,000 as Expenses of Legislative Session—Protest Against 45 Year Civil Service Limit.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17.—(United Press)—Representative Tichenor introduced a bill for the protection of ex-convicts. It prohibits publishing a convict's record either orally or in writing. It forbids making statements designed to prevent an ex-convict from obtaining employment or for the purpose of extorting money from them. The penalty is one hundred dollars or six months imprisonment.

The house indefinitely postponed the Lewis bill prohibiting whites from marrying negroes, Chinese and Kanakas. It adopted a concurrent resolution directing the way to a committee to present a bill within thirty days.

Anderson presented a measure simplifying the present state land loan law in the interests of small strictly local concerns. It declares the bill intends to promote the organization and growth of such institutions.

The senate passed the house bill appropriating \$25,000 to pay the legislative session expenses.

It passed Representative Stettin's house joint memorial, petitioning President Wilson to use his office to create national sentiment against 45 year age limit in the civil service.

Two Freight Crews Put On. Business is picking up so rapidly for the O-W. in this section that two freight crews were put back on the runs Sunday. Chief Dispatcher Corbett says "optimism" is the word that applies to the railroad situation right now.

Baker Postmaster Still Improving. The condition of Postmaster John C. Poster continues to show a slight but steady improvement that is bearing out the hope that he will ultimately recover, although it will be necessarily slow owing to his run-down physical condition at the time he was stricken with paralysis.

United States Now Owns More Islands

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—(United Press)—Secretary Lansing and Danish Minister Brun exchanged ratifications of their respective governments formally transferring Danish West Indies to United States.

French Break German Lines

Paris, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—It is announced that the French patrols penetrated the German lines in the Meuse Heights. In Apremont forest German attacks were repulsed.

Greece Accepts Ultimatum.

Athens, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—The Crown Council of Greece voted unreservedly to accept the Allies' ultimatum. Release of the Venizelist prisoners is imminent.

Russia Claims Victory.

Petrograd, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—It is announced the Russians stormed and recaptured Vandeni, Roumania. A German attack southwest of Prael was disastrously routed.

Nation Mourns the Death of Admiral Dewey

Washington, Jan. 17.—(Special)—Admiral Dewey, the hero of Manila Bay, and president of the general board of the navy, died at his home here last night, after a week's illness, at the age of 79.

His death was due to arteriosclerosis, according to his physician. Mrs. Mildred McLean Dewey, his wife, who was constantly with him throughout his brief illness, was at his bedside when he died.

Drs. L. Sheldon and A. M. Fauntleroy, who attended Admiral Dewey, also were with him, and Lieutenant L. E. Bretton, the admiral's aide, was on duty when the end came.

The doctors delayed the announcement of the admiral's death some 15 minutes. He died at 5:56 p. m.

The admiral's wife, who has been at his bedside almost constantly since his illness became serious, is said to be near collapse as a result of her long vigil.

Citizens of La Grande Pay Tributes to Great Admiral.

Admiral Dewey's death called forth many expressions of regret from La Grande people, people who did not know the famous sea fighter personally but who felt they knew him because he was a foremost American.

Judge J. W. Knowlton said: "Admiral Dewey was a conspicuous figure in American life. I think it will be conceded that he was one of our greatest admirals."

City Superintendent of Schools Linden McCullough said: "I feel that his work and ability are the highest of all naval officers of our time. His work can be favorably compared with that of Nelson."

C. H. Finn said: "Admiral Dewey was a wonderful man. He can be compared favorably with John Paul Jones, Nelson and Farragut."

Turner Oliver paid the following eulogy to the dead Admiral: "Admiral Dewey at Manila Bay showed himself to be one of the greatest admirals that America has ever known. He will take his place in history among the world's greatest men."

HUGHES SUGGESTED AS COUNSEL TO PROBE NOTE LEAK

No Witnesses Heard Today—House Committee Asks For Appropriation and Permission to Employ Counsel and to Extend Inquiry One Month.

Washington, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—The House Leak Committee adjourned until tomorrow. No witnesses were heard. It asked the house for an appropriation, and permission to employ counsel and to extend the inquiry's life a month. Chas. E. Hughes is suggested as committee's counsel. The House granted all the requests.

Elks' Show Cast Is Now Completed

Many Specialties For "A Night in Bohemia" Have Been Announced. V. H. Pabst Takes Coon Part.

The cast for the Elks' entertainment, "A Night in Bohemia," is now complete. The three leading ladies are Misses Iris Hughes, Gertrude Swart and Jean Rogers. V. H. Pabst has been given a great "coon" part. Among the soloists are John Wells of Starkey who will sing, "I'm In Love"; Ray Williams whose song is, "When The Right Little Girl Comes Along"; Miss Mary Newlin, "Can't You Hear Me Callin' Caroline?" and Miss Etha Thomas, "Oh, How She Could Yacki, Waeki, Wicki, Waeki Woo". Mrs. Clarke Leiter and Mrs. T. J. Scroggin may dance and Harry Spaw, the "wild

How to Get a Loan Under Farm Loan Act

Farmers Are Compelled Gradually to Retire Their Indebtedness Through Long or Short Period of Years—This Is Amortization—Use of Borrowed Money Is Limited to Purchase of Land, Paying of Indebtedness and To Making Productive Investments.

BY FRANK R. WILSON (Of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, Written for the United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—(United Press)—One of the features of the federal farm loan act which makes a strong appeal to farmers is that it compels them gradually to retire their indebtedness through a long or short period of years.

This process is called amortization. Under it the interest and principal are paid off in equal annual or semi-annual installments throughout the period of the loan so that at the end of the term of the mortgage the borrower is out of debt.

All loans under the farm loan act are made under the amortization or installment plan. Since the borrower

Elk, will put his trained "weenies" through a series of stunts.

A clever bunch of girls who will appear in specialties are: Misses Edna Dolbow, Jeanette Stoddard, Florence Lynch, Marie Love, Wilma Oesterling, Thelma Oesterling, Edna Jones, Ruby Graves, Jean Smith, Fern McColloch, Elsie Nash, Helen Sims, Marjorie Kline, Josephine Evans, Lois Givan, Esther Johnson and Mary Newlin.

SERIOUS DISORDERS ARE REPORTED BY WIRELESS IN BERLIN

Military Authorities Have Issued a Threatening Manifesto to the People—It is Rumored Reichstag May Meet Elsewhere For That Reason. Rome, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—

Berlin press wireless messages reported serious disorders among the people. Military authorities issued a threatening manifesto. Wireless said it is rumored the Reichstag might meet elsewhere on account of disorders.

Volley Ball Games Start at Y. M. C. A.

The results of the games in the Y. M. C. A. Businessmen's volleyball league last evening were as follows: Pecans 21, 21, vs. Hickory 11, 18. Almonds 21, 14, vs. Walnuts 21, 8.

Les Darcy doesn't like smoke in American arenas. They have more of it in the trenches.

FUNERAL OF DR. A. E. EATON TO BE HELD TOMORROW

REMAINS OF WEALTHY UNION PIONEER WILL BE INTERRED IN UNION CEMETERY.

WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS PHILANTHROPY

In 1911 Eaton Hall at Willamette University Was Built by Use of His \$50,000 Donation—Methodist Church Also Assisted—Mr. Eaton Owned the Union Woolen Mills and Estate Is Valuable.

The funeral of Dr. A. E. (Abe) Eaton, wealthy Union pioneer, who died in Portland Monday, will be held from the Union Methodist Episcopal church at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be in the Union cemetery. Rev. Cullison will officiate.

A man of means, Mr. Eaton used part of his money in philanthropies. Eaton hall of Willamette university was built in 1911 largely because of a \$50,000 gift made by him. The Methodist Episcopal church in Union also was helped by him. As a tribute to Mr. Eaton he was made a trustee of Willamette university and the degree of "doctor" conferred upon him.

Besides property in the Grande Ronde valley and in Union Mr. Eaton owned both Portland and Boston real estate. Dr. Eaton owned the Union woolen mills. Friends here said they could not estimate his wealth as he was a man who spoke little concerning his personal affairs, but guesses placed the value of the estate between \$100,000 and \$500,000. It is thought his Boston property was inherited but the remainder was gained through his own efforts. He came to Union county in 1862 with little money.

The widow and the following nephews survive Mr. Eaton: Lou and Lon Eaton of Union, John Eaton of Salem, Abel Eaton of Baker, Ed Eaton of Washington state and Jess Eaton of Filer, Idaho.

Though over eighty and in ill health for some time it was not known that Mr. Eaton was in danger. He was operated upon in Portland recently for gall stones and probably never recovered from the shock.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Baird of La Grande will be in Union tomorrow for the funeral.

The pallbearers for the funeral are: William Wigglesworth, G. H. Rollins, A. Hansen, J. W. Minnick, H. S. Griggs, and R. H. Rohrig.

Dr. Eaton was a member of the Odd Fellows.

THE WEATHER

Today's Forecast. Portland, Ore., Jan. 17.—(United Press)—Today's forecast: Fair, cold; east winds.

Pendleton Robins Are Chilled. The robins in Pendleton are getting up late these mornings and spring plowing has ceased for awhile. It was ten above zero in the Umatilla county city this morning.

Three and a Half Below Here. The fire department thermometer this morning showed three and half degrees below zero.

Meacham and North Powder Cold. The thermometer at North Powder and Meacham was 30 below this morning.

Ten Below at Huntington. It was ten below at Huntington this morning.

Sixteen Below At Intake. Caretaker Steel at the city reservoir, 26 miles away in the Blue Mountains, reports it was 16 below zero there last night with three feet of snow.

25 Above At Portland. The government thermometer at Portland last night registered 25 above zero, the coldest of the present year.

Volunteer Firemen's Dance Tonight. The Volunteer Firemen's dance is scheduled for tonight in the Rex Hall. Dancing will start at 8:30.

Mrs. C. L. Larcom returned this week to her home after spending the last two months in Baker.

TWENTY STEAMERS DESTROYED AND 400 LIVES REPORTED LOST

Reports From Pernambuco and Rio Janiero Tell of the Destruction Wrought by Mysterious Commerce Destroyer.

PAINTED BLACK AND CARRYING CANNON AND TORPEDO TUBES SHE PREYS ON SHIPPING

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—Dispatches from Pernambuco, Rio Janeiro, said that the German raider sank nineteen steamers and two French schooners in the South Atlantic. An additional Rio Janeiro message said the raider sank another British ship, four hundred drowning.

The Japanese Steamer Hudson Maru landed 237 sailors from five steamers at Pernambuco.

The survivors said the raider attacked ships thirty miles off Pernambuco. Many Indians landed. They declared the raider was painted dead black. It's name was indecipherable.

She carried twelve cannons and four torpedo tubes. The following steamers are reported destroyed:

Volate Drina, Dramatist, Radnorshire, Samara, Ortega, Newportland Nesser, King George, Yannondale, St. Hiodor, Michanethiel, St. Sael, Snowden, Range Noutant, Gailly, Hammerslaus, San Giorgio, Semple. Schooners Nantes, Asnires.

British Admiralty Admits German Raider's Captures.

London, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—The Admiralty admitted that a German raider sank eight British and two French merchantmen in the North Atlantic and captured the steamers St. Theodore and Yarrowdale. Four hundred prisoners are aboard the Yarrowdale.

Raider Is Said to Have Sunk At Least Twenty Vessels.

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—Additional reports indicated that the raider sank twenty steamers. The messages said the raider's name was Vinex.

Admiralty Announces Three Raiders Are Operating. London, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—The Admiralty announced that the raider sank the Steamers Mount Temple, George and Minich. This added three vessels to the list of those already reported destroyed.

The Georgie, the big White Star freighter, is among the world's greatest merchantmen.

It is feared the Germans may be putting prize crews aboard the captured ships, thus making a big fleet of raiders.

The Admiralty statement indicated that three raiders are operating. The captured merchantmen St. Theodore and Yarrowdale are probably being used against British commerce. The Admiralty statement referred to several ships lost in Northern Atlantic waters. The Buenos Aires cable referred to episodes in the Southern Atlantic.

National Capital Is In Mourning. Washington, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—The capital joined the nation in mourning the death of Admiral Dewey. The funeral will probably be Saturday. President Wilson, Secretary Daniels, and the highest officials will attend.

Says Three Years in Prison Camp Enough

Officer a Brother of Rev. Upton H. Gibbs Knows Nothing of Present War Situation.

The life of a prisoner of war is certainly an unenviable one, under the most favorable conditions, writes Rev. Upton H. Gibbs' brother, who was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans at the battle of Mons in the beginning of the war. For some time he was in a hospital in Belgium where he was well treated. When able to move, he was sent to Crefeld, where he has been since. This camp was better managed than most of the others. But the situation was naturally trying. He has now been interned for over three years, and is feeling the effect of the confinement strain and anxiety. While allowed to correspond with his wife, yet all references to the war are forbidden and all letters sent or received are strictly censored. So he does not know the actual condition of affairs, or what the outlook is. The food supply for the prisoners is coarse and scant, but he is allowed to receive supplies from home, and every five days bread and other provisions are sent him; otherwise he would about starve. He writes he is feeling desperate, as this was the third Christmas he has been separated from his wife and children, and has no idea when he may see them again. The German authorities lately have been sending parties of officers among the prisoners, to the Swiss frontier, as if to allow them to be interned in Swit-

zerland. The Swiss government is anxious to do this as the British government pays all expenses and it helps the Swiss financially, but on some pretext or other, the Germans after getting the officers to the frontier, make them return, thus causing them to suffer a cruel disappointment.

ENGLISH FIRM GETS PROJECTILE CONTRACT FROM U. S. NAVY

American Manufacturers Are Underbid by Hadfield's of Sheffield—The Total Contract Involves Expenditure of \$3,141,000.

Washington, Jan. 17.—(United Press)—The navy department awarded to Hadfield's of Sheffield, England, the contract for the manufacture of fourteen and sixteen-inch armor piercing projectiles for the United States navy. They underbid American manufacturers. The contract provides for delivery of forty-five hundred shells, at \$356 each, within nineteen months; three thousand projectiles, at \$513 each within sixteen months. The total contract is \$3,141,000.

Fred Mitchell is quoted as saying he wouldn't have traded Bill James at his best for Alexander or Johnson. Wonder if Miller Huggins would.