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## GERMANY SINKS BRITISH SHIPS PLOT TO BLOCK PORTS DISCOVERED

### SUBMARINES CONTINUE TO PREY ON SHIPPING

Four British Vessels and One Peruvian Are Today's Victims. Survivors of The Eavestone Shelled by Submarine

London, Feb. 7.—(United Press)—The steamer Saxon Briton was submarined. Two were drowned. The British ships Azeul, Vestra and Crown Point were sunk. The Peruvian schooner, Lorton, was torpedoed in Spanish waters.

### GERMAN SUBMARINE ACCUSED OF SHELLING EAVESTONE SURVIVORS.

London, Feb. 7.—(United Press)—Consul Frost officially advised the United States Embassy of the details of the Eavestone submarining. He did not mention warning or resistance, or attempt to escape. He said the submarine shelled the survivors and disappeared without offering help. The sea was rough. The life boats drifted several hours with dead and dying.

### NOBEL MUNITIONS FACTORY EXPLODES, TWO HUNDRED REPORTED KILLED.

Amsterdam, Feb. 7.—(United Press)—It is reported that the Nobel munitions factory at Selhause exploded. Two hundred were killed, mostly women. Berlin reported that Ambassador Gerard leaves Saturday. Budapest reported that Hungarian leaders addressed Parliament, strongly approving unlimited submarining. Count Karolyia alone opposed. He said submarining threatened the world peace.

### Guards May Be Put On Interstate Bridge

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 7.—(United Press)—New four-mile interstate bridge spanning the Columbia river here may be guarded. The city officials are contemplating asking Vancouver barracks to supply sentries.

### Armed Guards Rushed To Protect Water Plant

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—(United Press)—Armed guards were today rushed to Portland's water supply intake near Mount Hood and also to Oregon City power plants, following the receipt of anonymous warning that dynamitings were plotted.

### To Play Third Series Of Basketball Games

The third series of basketball games of the Y. M. C. A. basketball league will be played tonight in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The High School and the Comets have been leading the league with the same percentage and tonight they play against each other. The Meteors and the O-W., the two cellar champions, also oppose each other.

### Moose Official Here; Will Start Campaign

C. C. Burt Is Veteran Lodge Man and Is Known Throughout State as "Daddy."  
C. C. Burt, of Corvallis, deputy state supreme dictator of the Moose, is in La Grande to inaugurate a membership campaign for the Moose lodge. He is being entertained by George Young, dictator of the La Grande lodge. The proposed campaign will last 60 days.

### THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—(United Press)—The United States weather bureau forecast:  
Fair in the east; rain in the west. Easterly winds. Idaho, fair.

### Rebekahs Have Roll Call.

The La Grande Rebekah lodge held their annual roll call last night.

### C.E. CONVENTION PLANS BEING MADE

Seventy-three Endeavorers Have Already Signified Intention to Be Here February 16, 17 and 18—Daniel Poling Will Address Conference—Committees Now Working Hard—Banquet for 175 Will Be Feature.

Arrangements are being perfected for the Christian Endeavor convention to be held in La Grande February 16, 17 and 18. Reports have been coming in from the headquarters that a large number will attend. Over 70 names of those planning to be present were sent in before the first of February. This alone means that the attendance will be unusually large for an Eastern Oregon convention. Baker sent in 21 names and Pendleton the same number before the first of February and it is expected that even a

larger number will attend from these places. With such a national figure as Daniel Poling in attendance it is thought that a large number of Endeavorers will make an effort to hear him. Mr. Poling is the big man in the Christian Endeavor circles and it is not often that La Grande is fortunate enough to entertain a man of his standing. The various committees are hard at work to make the convention a decided success. Fourteen business men have provided for the financial part of the convention and the local members of the Presbyterian and Christian churches will look after the reception and program part of the convention. The Ladies Aid society will have charge of the banquet to be

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### DO YOU WANT THE PAVED HIGHWAY?

Is it worth while to the people of this section to have the Columbia highway continued through Pendleton, La Grande and Baker and into Idaho? Are Union and Wallowa county folk desirous that the state road which will connect with the Lincoln highway and the cross-continent automobile traffic should be built through this city?

These are pertinent questions, for a telegram from Salem today says there is "grave danger" that the road program may not go through the present legislature at all. Opponents of the building of the road through La Grande have adopted a dog in the manger attitude toward the building of the highway—"if it can't go through my back yard it won't go through yours."

Last summer an average of 20 automobiles stopped in La Grande for 24 hours each day. The garage bill, meals, beds and incidental expenses a passenger while here for the 24-hour period was \$5. The average number of passengers a car was three. Three times 20 is 60. Sixty times \$5 is \$300—the amount spent each day last summer.

If that was the case last summer on through automobile traffic what will the figures be when there is a paved highway from Portland to Chicago, through La Grande, Pendleton and Baker? What is it worth to Union and Wallowa counties to have this road here? If it's worth anything get in touch with the legislators in Salem. Send them wires today.

### ANCHOR LINER CALIFORNIA IS SUBMARINED

New York, Feb. 7.—(United Press)—The Anchor liner California was submarined. No Americans were aboard. First reports indicate that fifty-five are missing.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—(United Press)—Consul Frost reported that the California was submarined. He said one was drowned and 30 injured. The survivors reach Queenstown tonight.

### Ex-Consul Bopp's Bail Greatly Raised

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—(United Press)—Federal Judge Hunt raised the bail of ex-German Consul Franz Bopp and the alleged conspirators from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Prosecutor Preston asked action on account of the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany. Chief defense consul Roche said the defendants were unable to raise the money and must go to jail.

### Senate Debates on Endorsing Wilson

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—(United Press)—The senate adopted the Stone resolution endorsing the break with Germany by a vote of 78 to 5.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—(United Press)—Senator Stone called up the resolution endorsing the diplomatic break with Germany. This precipitated a debate. Senator Stone expressed the hope that America would not enter into war. He said foreigners should attend to their own business. He wanted the world to know that the senate supported the president.

Senator Lodge said: "In severing diplomatic relations with Germany the president did what the honor, safety and future of the United States required. When the United States enters into controversies with a foreign country, all party lines are removed. Let's show the world that the senate is not divided. Division shows weakness. Personal feeling and beliefs should be forgotten. Let the world know the people of the United States and congress are back of the president."

He upheld President Wilson's right to refuse an embargo on munitions. Senator Smith, of Michigan, said: "It would be national humiliation to repudiate the president's stand." Senator Vardaman called the severance of diplomatic relations unwise. Senator Works shouted he was against "the senate sharing responsibility." He said endorsement of the severance would be an endorsement of a war threat.

### 11 Cases of Measles Close Union Schools

School Board Obeys Order Under Protest to State Board of Health.

The Union schools did not open today because of a small measles epidemic. Eleven cases have been quarantined and last night the city physician, Dr. Emery, ordered the school board, Ed Miller, chairman, to close the schools. The board ordered the schools closed under protest and have taken the matter up with the state board of health. It is said that the order to close and the protest of the school board is part of a political fight.

### These Are Busy Days At The Y. M. C. A

Attendance Is Growing, Activities Are Many—Receipts for January Total \$718.95.

The attendance at the Y. M. C. A. the past several months has been unusually large. The boys are making it their association and club, the building has been made very attractive and homelike, the fireplace has been burning continually for several months and it has been a favorite resting place for the membership. The thrift exhibit has been read by thousands and many other attractive suggestions have been appreciated by all. A large flag, 20 by 40, is draped over the fireplace which lends a patriotic air to the place. All departments are running smoothly and especially is the "grill" where three meals are served every day except Sundays.

While the attendance at the classes yesterday were somewhat larger than usual, yet the days' work was along the regular routine. Classes in physical training were held for the seniors, junior's A, B, C and D groups and the business men. Four teams from the business men played their regular volleyball games.

Dr. R. E. L. Holt gave a practical talk to over fifty young men and the automobile men held the second meeting for the week relative to their exhibition. The checker and chess tables were in use all the time, the bowling alleys and tables reported a good business, the ping pong and the quoits had their followers.

The membership of the association has grown so large recently that this is practically the every day routine of the Y. The receipts for the month of January totaled the amount of \$718.95, which is one of the largest in the history of the local Y. M. C. A.

### Oregon is Now Bone Dry

Salem, Ore., Feb. 7.—(United Press)—Oregon entered the much dryer than dust class today. At 4 p. m. the five days of grace allowed for obtaining booze shipments after Governor Withycombe signed the prohibition law expired. On the stroke of four Old Man Demon Rum shook the dust of Oregon from his feet and his cloven hoof and hopped the Brimstone Special for Hades.

### GERMAN CREWS HAD PLAN TO SINK SHIPS

Secretary of War Baker Transmits to President Wilson Details of Plots Discovered at Panama and Manila.

Washington, Feb. 7.—(United Press)—The government learned crews of German vessels at Manila and Panama planned to sink ships to obstruct these ports. Preventative measures were taken. No ships were seized. War Secretary Baker sent President Wilson a memorandum of all facts in the case.

Chairman Alexander of the House merchant marine committee, said the emergency radio wireless legislation providing absolute government control of all wireless stations would be passed in the event of more serious international complications.

The House approved the conference report appropriating sixty million dollars for fortifications. Minor amendments were adopted. The bill now goes to the President.

The House judiciary committee reached an agreement on the general espionage bill. It will be reported tomorrow.

It is officially learned that the state department will soon secretly advise American steamship lines regarding sailings. It is announced the liner St. Louis will not be convoyed. President Wilson wishes these instructions be kept secret.

### Senator Works Criticizes the President.

Washington, Feb. 7.—(United Press)—Senator Works, a California Republican, addressed the Senate severely criticizing President Wilson's severance of diplomatic relations with Germany. He declared the United States had not been neutral. Great Britain, he said, persistently violated American rights. The United States bore these violations like an actual ally. Germany had no reason to feel friendly. "I protest against this movement as tending toward war with Germany for an insufficient cause," he declared.

### Bolivia Will Support The United States.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 7.—(United States)—The Bolivian Minister Rio de Janeiro announced that Bolivia would support the United States. The statement followed the dispatching of the Brazilian note protesting against submarining. Santiago reported that the Chilean Ministerial Council determined not to support the United States.

### KING GEORGE SAYS ALLIES WILL BE VICTORIOUS

Addresses Opening Session of Parliament—Council Has Been Called of All Representatives of the Colonies and India to Plan Cooperation in the Great War.

(By Ed. L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
London, Feb. 7.—King George addressed the Lord's opening of Parliament and said: "The Allies are unanimously determined to secure reparation, restitution and guarantees for the future."

"Threats of further German outrages do not deter the Allies."

"Recent German offers contained no possible peace basis. During the winter the navy enforced its blockade, the armies successfully operating on the several fronts. We trust untied efforts will result in a victorious conclusion."

The King said Representatives of the Colonies and India had been invited to confer on the question of common interests. He hoped the conference would cause closer relations between all parts of the empire.

Search for Conspirators.  
The seventh session of the second parliament of the reign of his gracious majesty King George the Fifth couldn't have been properly launched today if the cellars and vaults at Westminster hadn't been previously searched for possible imitators of Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators in "gunpowder, treason and plot."

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