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## GERMANY SEEKS TO AVOID HOSTILITIES HOPES TO MEND BROKEN RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Feb. 10.--United Press--It is learned that Germany is sending a note to the United States through the Swiss Minister, suggesting negotiations for the purpose of avoiding possible hostilities and mending the broken relations. It is understood the communication invites American suggestions. The Swiss legation is handling the entire matter secretly. Secretary Lansing denied any knowledge of the note.

### GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS FIFTEEN SHIPS

Berlin Press Bureau Announces Feat of One U-Boat--Ten Thousand Tons of Shipping Sunk in Atlantic.

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--The Press Bureau announced that a single German submarine returned to port and claimed that she alone had sunk fifteen ships. Included among them were ten merchantmen, totaling ten thousand tons sunk in the Atlantic, and one British steamer, three thousand tons, sunk in the North Sea. The British trawlers Shamrock and Thistle were also sunk, and two unidentified trawlers.

### ONE NORWEGIAN AND TWO BRITISH SHIPS ARE SUNK.

London, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--The Norwegian ship Solbakken was submarined. Two perished. The British ships Lullington and Mantol were destroyed.

Germany Reported to Have Lost Many Submarines. Washington, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--Lloyd's reports indicate that submarine damage is decreasing. It is believed counter measures have been successful. Naval authorities understand that Germany lost many submarines.

### GERMAN SUBMARINE ACCUSED OF SHOWING FRENCH COLORS.

London, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--Interrupted wireless said the German submarines displayed French colors while sinking the Peruvian steamer Lorton. Peru formally demanded punishment of the submarine commander and claimed indemnity.

### POPE URGED TO CONDEMN GERMAN SUBMARINE TACTICS.

Rome, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--It is reported neutral ambassadors are strongly urging the Pope publicly to condemn German submarining.

### SOMMER HOTEL TODAY SOLD TO LOT SNOODGRASS

New Owner Has Been Chief Clerk for Predecessor, George E. Good, for Seven Years in Foley and Sommer Hotels--Mr. and Mrs. Good and Gene Will Leave City in Few Days.

Lot L. Snodgrass today purchased the Sommer hotel business and furniture from George E. Good. He took charge this morning. Mr. Snodgrass has been chief clerk for Mr. Good for seven of the latter's 11 years as a hotelkeeper in La Grande, first at the Foley and then at the Sommer. The new owner said this morning that he contemplated no changes in the present staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Good and son, Gene, who returned yesterday from the University of Oregon, Eugene, where he finished his four years' work for a bachelor's degree, will leave the city within a few days. Mrs. Good will visit her daughters, Mrs. Ernest Lister and Mrs. Thos. Galvin in Grants Pass. Mr. Good and son will investigate several business opportunities in Eastern Oregon, and Mr. Good will try to stay in this part of the state.

George E. Good came to La Grande 11 years ago as manager of the Foley hotel. He staid there four years and then assumed charge at the Sommer. Previous to coming here he was a hotelkeeper in Grants Pass and before that owner of the Polk County Itemizer of Dallas, Oregon. He is a mem-

ber of the local lodge of Elks. N. K. West is owner of the property and building in which the Sommer hotel is conducted.

Miss Thelma Oesterling left on No. 6 for Baker. She will visit at the Palmer home.

### NO MARRIAGES THIS WEEK; HE'S UNHAPPY

"Any news, Mr. Edwards?" asked the reporter. "Not a thing of interest, I believe." "No marriages?" "No, not one, this past week, the first week of this kind for a month and I don't count it a very good week."

The postoffice will be closed on Monday, February 12, Lincoln's birthday. All windows, except money order and postal savings, will be open one hour, between 9 and 10 a. m. Rural delivery but no city delivery.

### THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., Feb. 10.--(United Press)--The United States weather bureau forecast: Occasional rain; southeast winds. Idaho, fair.

Large Audiences at Meetings. Enthusiasm is being shown at the series of meetings held in the Christian church. Rev. Frederic Gimes is a very able speaker and Ernest Ellis is soloist at these meetings.

B. Parlette, traveling agent for the American Express company, was in La Grande this morning enroute to Elgin. Mr. Parlette is investigating the undelivered shipments of liquor.

### BERNSTORFF AND GERARD ARE READY TO LEAVE

Ambassador Gerard and 200 Americans Leave Berlin. Washington, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--The Swiss minister cabled that Ambassador Gerard is leaving Berlin today. The state department denied preventing German Ambassador from sending cablegrams since the break. Berlin reported two hundred Americans will leave with Ambassador Gerard, en route to Berne, Switzerland.

Ambassador Bernstorff Sails Wednesday. Washington, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--German Ambassador Bernstorff sails from New York at two o'clock Wednesday. The Scandinavian-American line announced final plans had been completed.

Gerard Will Travel In Special Train. (By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press Correspondent) Berlin, Feb. 10.--One hundred and twenty Americans will accompany Gerard. They will occupy special trains. No congressional funds are needed to pay expenses. Gerard contributed. Several sick Americans are to be left behind.

Ten Believed To Have Perished In Fire. Allentown, Penn., Feb. 10.--(United Press)--Ten are believed to have perished in a fire here. Four bodies have been recovered. A boarding house burned.

### THREE HUNDRED GUESTS ESCAPE FROM FASHIONABLE HOTEL FIRE.

Boston, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--The fashionable hotel Lenox burned today. Three hundred scantily clad guests escaped on ladders. Joseph Collier descended the ladder of sheets from the tenth floor.

### New York Federal Grand Jury Will Investigate Paper Trust.

Washington, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--The department of justice announced that the New York Federal grand jury will soon investigate the news print paper situation. Bainbridge Colby and Mark Hyman of New York, have been appointed special council.

### BRITISH TAKE HUNDREDS OF SUBMARINES

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.--(United Press)--Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, claimed he had positive knowledge that the British captured the Deutschland. He said 85 German submarines are at one British port. He asserted that the British have captured over 200 submarines.

### Medford Gets Its Fishing Bill Passed

Salem, Ore., Feb. 10.--(United Press)--The senate passed the house Rogue river fishing bill 24 to 5.

Upper river fishing interests won a decisive victory over those desiring to protect the Macleay commercial fishing interests on the lower river. The law prohibits using seines and set-nets.

The senate is considering a bill extending the commercial fishing season on Rogue river near Grants Pass.

### SCHOOL CLERK INDICTED

A. H. Perryman, school clerk of district 32, has been indicted by the grand jury on a charge of appropriating public money to his private use. He has been arraigned. Judge

Knowles this morning set February 19 as the date on which he must plead to the indictment. Perryman was released on his own recognizance.

### Representative Platt Asks Information

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.--(United Press)--Representative Platt, of New York, introduced a resolution asking President Wilson to inform the house to what extent American shipping is detained on account of "threatened destruction by a foreign power," and to reveal what steps had been taken to protect American commerce.

Dr. A. J. Abegg of Portland is here to visit his sister, Mrs. J. E. Hilary and George Abegg, his brother.

### American Ships Race to Barred Zone

New York Feb. 10.--(United Press)--The American merchantmen Orleans and Rochester sailed from New York harbor at 2:30 this afternoon. They are enroute to France in open defiance of the German threat. They passed quarantine abreast and racing to see which would enter the barred zone first. They are unarmed and do not carry contraband.

### LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

Lincoln's birthday, Monday, will be observed in the La Grande public schools with school program. Both the La Grande National and United States National banks, the postoffice and other governmental offices will be closed all day. The railroad offices may close part of the day.

### GERMAN SAILORS OF THE APPAM INTERNED

Lieutenant Berg and Twenty-Seven Sailors March Streets of Philadelphia Under Police Guard--No Demonstration.

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--The Appam prize crew was interned today at Tipperary Barracks, League Island Navy Yard. Lieutenant Berg and twenty-seven German sailors marched the streets under police guard, en route to camp. They met seven hundred additional interned German seamen at League Island. The police exercised every precaution to prevent demonstrations.

### BELIEVED PERU WILL SUPPORT PRESIDENT WILSON'S VIEWS.

Lima, Feb. 10.--(United Press)--Peru's reply to President Wilson's note suggesting united neutral action be taken against submarining will be forwarded to Washington today. Every indication is that Peru has decided to support President Wilson's program. Text is withheld. Peru sent a strongly worded protest to Germany last night.

### SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN REPORTS BILL OF UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE.

(By Robert J. Bender, United Press Correspondent) Washington, Feb. 10.--Senator Chamberlain favorably reported the Universal Military training bill. It provides every male citizen should undergo military and naval training for six months when aged nineteen. Thereafter they remain members of the citizens reserve until twenty-eight.

The President is empowered to summon and inspect the reserves annually.

### Union Measles Fight Carried Into Courts

Out of the measles controversy this week have arisen two cases in court--one against School Superintendent Arant, who is charged with taking down a quarantine flag, and the other against Attorney R. J. Kitchen, charged with breaking quarantine. The cases were set for yesterday but were continued until Monday at 1:30 p. m.

### Rev. Gibbs' Sermon Will Be Patriotic

Tomorrow morning's sermon at St. Peter's church will be of a patriotic character. The rector hopes his parishioners will sustain him in this effort by a good attendance. A flag will occupy a prominent position in the chancel, where it will be kept during the present national crisis. He wishes that someone would present a suitable flag for use in the church on all special occasions. The patriotic custom has been started in many Episcopal churches of carrying a flag in processions just behind the cross-bearer, on great festivals. The hymn, "America" will be sung immediately after the sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw of North Powder, who have been visiting in Portland, were in La Grande this morning. They left on No. 6 for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Roesch returned Thursday from a Portland visit.

### Enterprise High De- feats La Grande High

Score Was 36 to 31--Local Team Plays in Baker Tonight.

The Enterprise high school basketball team defeated the La Grande high school five on the local high school gymnasium floor last night 36 to 31. Probably the largest crowd that has ever seen a high school basketball game here was out. Besides almost every member of the student body tickets were sold to 70 outsiders. The La Grande lineup was: McDonald, center; Reynolds and Lyman, forwards; Lynn Larson and Ash, guards. Rosenbaum substituted three minutes for Lyman. Lyman and Ash played the best games for La Grande.

The local boys left on this morning's train for Baker where they play the Baker high school team tonight. The Enterprise team left this morning for Union where they play the Union team tonight.

Daughter Born to McCourys. A nine-pound daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McCoury.

### New Minister at Island City.

Rev. A. J. Armstrong and bride have moved to Island City where Mr. Armstrong is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. The new minister is a son of a Methodist Episcopal minister in the northern Montana conference and was at the Mexican border the past summer with the national guard.

The following have registered at the Imperial hotel, Portland, the last few days: Mr. and Mrs. D. Fitzgerald, T. B. Johnson and C. H. Scranton, of La Grande.