

"I'LL PAY MY BILLS SO YOU CAN PAY YOURS" IS A VERY GOOD SLOGAN AT ANY TIME

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GERMANY IS FEELING THE PANGS OF HUNGER

Food and Economic Conditions Are Now Growing Worse. General Von Hindenburg is Raising an Industrial Army of Women. Graft Prevails in Distribution.

(By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press Correspondent)
Paris, Feb. 16.—Germany is undernourished. Food and economic conditions are steadily growing worse. Endless graft exists in the food distribution plans. Transportation problems are growing more difficult. General von Hindenburg does not consider the people. He has concentrated the whole nation's strength on the army. He is organizing a million women to work industries in order to enable additional men to enlist. Americans leaving Berlin received thousands of requests for food. A German physician asked an American family to pay food instead of money. The police are powerless to halt grafting. Influential Germans are the greatest offenders. Dealers interchange wares. Magistrates' friends get extra cards. Many cards are stolen. The recent cold destroyed great quantities of potatoes and apples. Many schools, large offices and public buildings are closed on account of the coal famine.

Food Riots Break Out In Holland.

The Hague, Feb. 16.—(United Press)—Serious food riots broke out in the Royal Palace last night. Workmen staged a demonstration in front of the Queen's residence, and ministerial buildings. Hussars and police repeatedly charged the mob. The food situation has reached a crisis in Holland. Officials fear more serious outbreaks unless the government remedies conditions. The blockade is responsible.

TWO CITY FIRES WITHIN TWELVE HOURS DO SMALL DAMAGE

Cause of 3:45 A. M. This Morning Blaze in Coolidge's Unoccupied Paint Store Not Known—Defective Wiring in Gus Mays' Residence Called Firemen at 9:40 Last Night Little Damages were Done in Either Case.

Two city fires within 12 hours of each other last night and this morning did little damage. The first was at the home of Gus Mays, 2103 Second street, at 9:40 last night. The cause was defective electrical wiring. The second was discovered in the vacant store of O. F. Coolidge on Adams avenue, near Fir street, about 3:35 o'clock this morning by Night Policeman J. C. Christenson. Twelve volunteer firemen turned out of comfortable beds to fight the blaze and did effective work, says Fire Chief Mackey. The fire evidently started on the first floor, crept through to the basement and charred the supports of the building. Mr. Coolidge today could not give an estimate of the damage done the building. F. E. Oxner, paint merchant, moved out of the building but a few days ago.

Danger Zone Changed By Great Britain

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—(United Press)—The American embassy at London notified the state department that Britain had established and revised the North Sea danger zone as the result of submarine attacks.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., Feb. 16.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: Rain; south to west winds.

Prohibition Bill Passes.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—(United Press)—The postoffice bill passed the senate and contained a drastic provision against importing liquor into dry states.

C. E. CONVENTION OPENED HERE TODAY

FIFTY DELEGATES REGISTERED AT HEADQUARTERS, Y. M. C. A., AT NOON.

STATE PRESIDENT CARRICK PRESIDES

Daniel A. Poling, Associate President World's Christian Endeavor Union, and Other Speakers Expected Tonight—Banquet Is Planned for Tomorrow, Beginning at Six O'clock, in Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

With 50 delegates present the Eastern Oregon Christian Endeavor convention opened in the La Grande Presbyterian church at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. State President Lloyd R. Carrick, of Reed college, Portland, is presiding. Belated delegates are expected tonight and tomorrow. Daniel A. Poling, associate president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will be here tonight. Among the speakers to address the convention meetings is Miss Louella S. Dyer, state president of the Christian Endeavor associations in Washington. Miss Dyer is one of the few women in the United States to occupy, so responsible a position in Christian Endeavor work.

The program for tonight and tomorrow is as follows:
Tonight.

7:45-8:45—Glad You Came Program: Song service; address of welcome by Mr. King; address by La Grande mayor; response by L. R. Garrick. 8:45-10:00—Keynote Service: Music, male quartet; "Christ Exalted," keynote address by Daniel A. Poling, associate president World's Christian Endeavor Union. 10:00-10:30—Evening Watch, led by Miss Dyer.

Saturday Morning.
8:00-11:00—Expert Examination. 8:30-9:15—Devotional, Miss Dyer.

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SNODGRASS WILL SEE O-W OFFICIALS RE MOTOR CAR

Edwin Morrison of Elgin was in La Grande today conferring with J. G. Snodgrass, who will take up the matter of motor car service on the Joseph branch with William McMurray, O-W general passenger agent. Mr. Snodgrass will bear credentials from prominent citizens and organizations and will appear as spokesman for the Joseph branch country.

Were Married Last Night.

Miss Charlotte C. Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freeman, was married here last night to A. F. Nohle.

THREE COWBOYS ARE MURDERED BY MEXICANS

TWELFTH CAVALRY IS NOW CONCENTRATED AT NEW MEXICAN FRONT.

MUTILATED CORPSES ARE BROUGHT TO HACHITA

Bandits Are Holding the Wife of Edward Spencer, a Negro Ranch Foreman, for \$5000 Ransom—Border Raids Are Planned—American Women and Children Are Fleeing for Their Lives.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 16.—(United Press)—The Twelfth cavalry concentrated on the new Mexican border following a confirmation of the report that Mirandas bandits murdered three American cowboys Monday.

A posse brought the mutilated corpses to Hachita.

The bandits are now holding the wife of Edward Spencer, a negro ranch foreman, demanding \$5000 ransom. Spencer reported that Salazar was planning border raids.

American women and children are fleeing to the border.

La Grande Defeats Ontario 42 to 22

The local M. J. A. basketball team defeated the Ontario team last night 42 to 22. The game was interesting throughout though it was apparent from the start that La Grande would win. The visiting players fell down on team work, depending too much on Maddux center, who was their star player. Larsen was the star of the local players, making an individual score of 25 points. Baum substituted for E. Rosenbaum in the second half and Schofield for Larsen when the latter went to center. Bean did excellent work though he has been playing but a few days. Niles refereed and both teams were more than satisfied with his work. Following are the lineups:

La Grande—Forwards, Larsen, Rosenbaum and Schofield; guards, Hollister, E. Rosenbaum and Maum; center, Bean.

Ontario—Forwards, F. Graham, M. Graham and Rader; guards, Housted and Christensen; center, Maddux.

Miss Eileen Peare is expected home next week from Salem, where she is a clerk in the present legislature.

Charley Hamilton and C. M. Pratt were visitors in La Grande today. This is Mr. Hamilton's first visit to La Grande for five years.

Rev. L. K. Robinson drove in from Cove today. He reports heavy drifts of snow on the roads.

PRESIDENT WILL SEND PROTEST TO GERMANY

Although Press Dispatches Say Yarrowdale Prisoners Have Been Released, President Feels International Law Has Been Violated.

(By Robert J. Bender, United Press Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 16.—The administration may send the Yarrowdale protest despite press dispatches saying Germany has released seventy-two American prisoners. The government has not yet received official confirmation of the release.

The note contains details regarding the treatment of interned German ships' crews in the United States.

President Wilson wants the note sent as a protest irrespective of the Yarrowdale prisoners' release.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing feel that Germany has clearly violated international law and wants the United States on record against such actions.

The Austrian negotiations are continuing. The state department is silent regarding developments. It is still attempting to preserve relations with Austria despite the identical ruthless submarining announcement.

No Americans have been advised to leave Austria.

Ambassador Elkus officially reported conditions at Constantinople. Details are withheld. It is understood the American situation in Turkey is not as serious as feared.

Swiss Minister Ritter conferred with State Department. Counsellor Polk. It is believed he probably discussed the reported release of the Yarrowdale prisoners.

Austrian-American Negotiations Reported Broken.
Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—(United Press)—The Berliner Tagblatt declared Austrian-American submarine negotiations had broken. It quoted Berlin advices.

Austrian Submarine Crew Sank American Schooner Law.

Rome, Feb. 16.—(United Press)—Captain McDonough telegraphed the United Press that an Austrian submarine sank the American schooner Law after permitting the crew to enter life boats. The Law flew the United States flag as she sank. McDonough said: "I hoisted the flag when I first sighted the submarine. The submarine crew boarded us. After we departed the boarding officer exploded bombs in the hold."

German Ambassador Bernstorff Arrives Off Halifax.

Halifax, Feb. 16.—(United Press)—The liner Frederick the Eighth carrying Ambassador Bernstorff was sighted off Halifax Harbor at noon. She steamed seaward again, to enter the port at seven thirty tonight. She must enter and depart in darkness to prevent the Germans viewing the harbor. Germans must remain aboard. No visitors will be permitted. The Frederick will anchor in Bedford Basin north of the city.

Germans Storm French Lines At Hill 185.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—(United Press)—It is announced that Germans stormed and captured four French lines at hill one eighty-five. They advanced half a mile on a twenty-five hundred meter front. Eight hundred and thirty-seven prisoners were taken, twenty machine guns. German losses were slight. French countered unsuccessfully.

Eleven Deaths, Six Births in January

January records show more deaths and fewer births than December and more deaths and fewer births than January, 1916. The reports show there were 11 deaths this month, six in December and seven in January, 1916.

Following are the deaths recorded: January 4, Mary E. Chambers, aged 85 years.

January 12, A. R. Banks, 70 years. January 13, Louise E. White, 70 years.

January 19, Vincent Nolan Miller, 3 days.

January 19, Clarence John Deerville, 20 months.

January 21, May La Bine, 35 years.

January 27, Isaac Shafer, 80 years.

January 27, Adeline Copeland, 19 years.

January 28, Addie Jane Wilson, 48 years.

January 29, Shirley A. Neukirchner, 20 years.

January 29, Clarence Johanson Perry, 3 years.

W. A. Kirby of Durkee was in the city this week.

Government Releases All German Sailors

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—(United Press)—It is announced that all German sailors, arrested following attempts to sink interned ships, had been released except those accused of violating criminal statutes.

House Votes to Change The Initiative Law

Salem, Ore., Feb. 16.—(United Press)—The house adopted a joint resolution providing eight per cent of the state's legal voters, representing a majority of the counties, to be necessary to put an initiative measure on the ballot. Enemies claimed the resolution practically would destroy the initiative. The vote was 30 to 26.

Eaton led the fight against the resolution. He claimed it gave undue advantage to the wealthy and was unjust to the poor. He declared it would prevent placing many measures on the ballot.

How The Germans Wanted American Ships To Be Painted with The American Flag to Avoid Being Sunk By Submarines.

