

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

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BREAK WITH AUSTRIA IS NOW PENDING

President Wilson May Sever Diplomatic Relations Without Notifying Congress.

Washington, Feb. 17.—(United Press)—The state department published the text of the German note requesting changes in the old Prussian treaty.

Officials refused to discuss this. It is understood after Ambassador Gerard refused to sign, Germany sent the note to Washington through the Swiss minister hoping that the state department would sign. The note contains a provision that German ships get safe conduct home in the event of war.

The United States' economic situation is increasingly serious as the result of the submarines' virtual blockade of American ports. The Austrian break is impending. It is persistently reported that the United States failed to persuade Austria to abandon submarining.

Berlin dispatches indicated Germany intends ruthlessly to sink armed American merchantmen.

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British May Detain German Ambassador Bernstorff For a Week.

Halifax, Feb. 17.—(United Press)—It is semi-officially announced that the Frederick the Eighth may be held a week during German Ambassador Bernstorff's examination. The Naval customs immigration officials and women assistants and interpreters swarmed aboard at daybreak to start inspection.

Americans In Germany To Be Listed.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—(United Press)—The Spanish Ambassador, representing the United States, started listing all Americans in Germany. This would facilitate an exodus in the event of war. Berlin is quiet. American businesses are uninterrupted.

British Steamer Hits a Mine, Two Killed.

London, Feb. 17.—(United Press)—It is announced that the British thousand and sixteen ton iron steamer, Lady Anne, hit a mine. Two men were killed, nine are missing, five were rescued. The wounded were taken to a hospital.

Gerard's Secretary Goes to the Aid of Amb. Penfield.

Paris, Feb. 17.—(United Press)—Ambassador Gerard ordered former Embassy Secretary Joseph Grew to go to Vienna and assist Ambassador Penfield. It is believed he may be carrying important confidential advice on account of the tense Austrian situation. The crew handled the embassy business during Ambassador Gerard's absence in the United States. Ambassador Gerard starts for Madrid Tuesday night en route to America.

Steamship Officer Declares He Saw the Captured Deutschland.

Baltimore, Feb. 12.—(United Press)—William Palmer, officer of the steamer Mongolia, declared Great Britain captured the Deutschland and four hundred German submarines. He declared he saw the Deutschland and counted one hundred and eighty-seven other submarines at Plymouth Harbor. Captain Koenig and the Deutschland's sailors are imprisoned.

SEA CAPTAIN SAYS GERMAN SUBMARINES ENTERED GULF OF MEXICO

Galveston, Feb. 17.—(United Press)—Captain Mason, of the schooner Fort Bragg, declared four German submarines entered the Gulf of Mexico ready to begin operations against the United States in the event of war. The story is unconfirmed from other sources. Captain Mason said he heard the details at Guantanamo Bay. It is understood the government stretched a steel net at the Guantanamo entrance.

Local Wrestler Beats The Terrible Swede

Stays Fifteen Minutes Against the Visitor and Wins Forfeit—Return Match Is Engaged.

Jack O'Neil, a local man, won the wrestling match at the Arcade theater last night, defeating I. A. Johnson, of St. Paul, who is known as "The Terrible Swede."

From a technical wrestling contest the bout was a draw inasmuch as neither man won a fall. According to the terms of the contest, if O'Neil was not thrown in 15 minutes he was

to be the winner and Johnson was to forfeit \$25 cash. Johnson did not throw O'Neil and therefore lost.

A large crowd witnessed the exhibition. C. D. Emahiser was announcer, A. W. Nelson was referee, and Wm. M. Peare was timekeeper.

The sympathy of the spectators was with the local man, O'Neil, who is employed in a local meat store. He showed himself to be a clever wrestler and occasionally took the aggressive. Johnson said he was surprised to meet such a good man. The visitor was affected by the high altitude. He showed great strength.

Ed H. Ford has rented the Arcade theater for next Thursday night and has matched the two men for a return match.

THE MAN BEHIND THE NEW BLOCKADE

General von Hindenburg is commander-in-chief of the German army, but it is said he is the man who conceived the idea of Germany's new campaign of submarine warfare. This new campaign is regarded even more ruthless than any ever planned by von Tirpitz when he was head of the navy.



U. S. GOVERNMENT MAY SEIZE BIG FACTORIES

Unless Newsprint Manufacturers Reduce Prices Nation May Act. National Emergency May Cause Seizure Of Food Plants.

Washington, Feb. 17.—(United Press)—It is learned the administration's threat to take national emergency measures unless news print paper manufacturers decreased their prices resulted in the manufacturers suggesting that the Federal Trade Commission arbitrate.

Secretary McAdoo presented the government's ultimatum following repeated conferences with President Wilson.

Secretary McAdoo hinted that the government might seize paper mills and also the country's biggest plants manufacturing commodities on account of the National emergency.

President Wilson believes that high paper prices are a virtual interference with the freedom of the press.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PROTECTS ITS OWN NEWSPAPERS.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—(United Press)—It is officially announced that the government took effective means to insure the print paper supplies of Canadian newspaper publishers.

British Steamer Is Submarined; 3 Killed

London, Feb. 17.—(United Press.)—It is announced that the British steamer Queenwood was submarined. Three were killed.

Small Fire Last Night.

A small fire about 9:20 last night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Hadden, 806 N. avenue, did about \$100 damage before the fire department could extinguish it. Mr. and Mrs. Hadden had gone to the theater and it is believed the fire started from an overheated stove.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Salvation Army have decided to take in plain sewing or quilt making. The money received will be used to carry on relief work.

Food Investigation On.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—(United Press)—The federal trade commission asked the house appropriations committee to appropriate \$400,000 to enable the commission to conduct the food investigation President Wilson ordered.

Anti-Picketing Bill Killed.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—(United Press)—The senate killed the Kubli anti-picketing bill by a vote of 20 to 8.

U. S. Consuls Leave Germany.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—(United Press)—The state department announced a second special train carrying American consuls from various parts of Germany leaves Berlin en route to Bern Tuesday. The German government sent this word through Madrid.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pehrman of Perry are visiting Mrs. T. W. King.

HOUSE PASSES THE \$6,000,000 BOND ROAD BILL

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—(United Press)—The house passed the \$6,000,000 road bonding bill this morning by a vote of 31 to 26. Belland, in favor of the bill, said it produced a military atmosphere. He declared good roads saved Paris and Verdun. He said unimproved Oregon built roads the Japanese flags might wave here.

With four adverse votes the senate passed the bill submitting to the people the proposition of increasing the state highway millage tax.

Christian Endeavors Are Enjoying Visit

Banquet Is Scheduled for Six Tonight—Group Picture Taken This Afternoon.

The Christian Endeavor convention today has been addressed by some of the prominent men and women in the movement in the United States. Tomorrow the Sunday school convention will be held in the Y. M. C. A., Superintendent Charles A. Phipps presiding. There will be meetings tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Vocational Education Bill Passes.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—(United Press)—The senate passed the vocational education bill. It now goes to the president. It provides dollar for dollar cooperation with states and authorized \$28,000,000 expenditures.

Register for Business Men's Luncheon
Registrations for attendance at the business men's luncheon Tuesday must be handed to William Miller not later than Monday evening.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17.—(United Press)—The United States weather forecast: Unsettled; occasionally threatening; north winds.

"DADDY" BURT HAS "AT HOME"
"Daddy" Burt will be at home to La Grande Moose and friends in room 2, the Foley hotel, tomorrow.

ELKS BAND REHEARSAL

The Elks' band will hold a rehearsal tomorrow evening at 7:30. Eugene Cluff of Portland will direct. All members are urged to be present to take up the matter of hiring Mr. Cluff to direct the La Grande band.

TONG WAR IS ON IN CITY'S CHINATOWN

ATTACK MADE THROUGH GLASS DOOR ABOUT 9 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

THREE PISTOL SHOTS FIRED AT ENG CHONG

Trouble Here Is Probably Part of Hop Sing-Hip Sing Tong War Now on in Portland—Eng Chong Was Shot at and Beaten by Gunmen About a Year Ago.

La Grande's small Chinese colony today is a nervous set of chattering Celestials. The cause is the attempted shooting of Eng Chong, Bow Leung tong man, by three or four other Chinamen, said to be Hop Sing tong men, last night about 9 o'clock in the Chinese quarter on Fourth avenue. Three shots were taken at Eng as he sat in a store. None took effect. Eng says he peered through the door when the first shot was fired and recognized three men—Chung Bing, a Chinese store keeper, and Lia Jim and Wong One, cooks at the Sommer hotel. Eng says Chung Bing was the man who did the shooting.

A complaint was sworn to today by Eng charging Chung Bing, Lia Jim, and Wong One with assault with intent to kill.

The three accused Chinamen were arrested last night. The Sommer hotel cooks were released at midnight on their own recognizance to Lot Snodgrass, proprietor of the Sommer hotel. Chung Bing was not released.

George Good this morning said that Eng Chong and the two Chinese at the Sommer hotel were not good friends and minimized the connections of Lia Jim and Wong One with the shooting. Mr. Good said the two Chinamen were not out of the hotel more than three-quarters of an hour last night and were "not on the other side of Fourth street."

Several La Grande men noticed Lia Jim and Wong One come out of the Republic house a little while after the shooting last night and walk towards Depot street on Adams avenue. These men say the Chinese acted queerly and particularly watched the white men.

Chinese witnesses to the shooting last night say the gunmen ran across the street from the store after firing the shots and up the alley in back of the new Foley building.

At the jail this morning Chung Bing protested he was not a tong man and that he was innocent of any connection with last night's attack on Eng Chong. However, when Chief Rayburn searched his store and living rooms last night he was told that Chung Bing had left La Grande two days ago. A little later on the street Chung ran up to Rayburn and excitedly told the police officer that he was innocent and assured Rayburn that he was well-known here and well respected.

Last night's shooting had been tipped off to the police by Toi Young, boss of one Chinatown faction and Eng Chong, about a week ago. These Chinamen appeared before District Attorney Hodgkin and said they feared the Sommer hotel Chinamen were gunmen who were contemplating killing Eng. Since then the police have been watching the Chinese quarter.

The latest outbreak in Chinese tong warfare along the coast occurred in Portland the first of the week. There the Hop Sing and Hip Sing tongs are having trouble. One tong man was killed. Other tongs have been drawn into the fight on one side or the other.

The attack on Eng Chong last night is the second within a year. Last winter he was pursued and shot at by two gunmen, overtaken and beaten with the butt of a revolver. Eng is a gardener by trade and has lived here nearly 30 years. Chung Bing, whom Eng says, did the shooting last night, is 23 years old and has been in La Grande for several years.

On the surface things are quiet today in the quarter but the police are taking precautions to prevent trouble tonight.

Chinese Are Arraigned.
The three Chinese arrested in connection with last night's shooting on Fourth avenue were arraigned before Justice of Peace Williams this afternoon. They were placed under \$500 bonds to appear Monday morning to plead. C. H. Finn is representing the Chinamen, District Attorney Hodgkin, the state.