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SUBMARINE IS GRAVE MENACE TO BRITAIN

FIRST LORD OF ADMIRALTY SPEAKS IN PRESENTING NAVAL ESTIMATES.

INVENTION BOARD TO FIGHT UNDER SEA PERIL

Lord Fisher, the former sea lord, heads this anti-submarine department—New Order in Council Provides That Vessels En Route to Enemy Ports Must Enter Allied Ports or Submit to Capture.

London, Feb. 21.—(United Press)—Sir Edward Carson, first Lord of the Admiralty presented the Commons with the new naval estimates. He asked four hundred thousand additional sailors on account of naval expansion. He said: "The submarine menace is grave and serious. And is still growing. It is not yet solved. I am confident measures are now being developed which will gradually mitigate seriousness."

It is announced that Lord Fisher, the former first sea lord, rejoined the Admiralty staff as president of the invention's board. He explained the invention's board as a unit of the anti-submarine department. It is said that during the first eighteen days of unrestricted submarine six thousand and seventy-six vessels entered the United Kingdom's ports and 5873 departed. The order in council provides vessels en route to enemy ports must enter allied ports to submit to examination. Otherwise they are liable to capture. It is explained the German blockade caused the order.

Carson congratulated the nation upon having Admiral Jellicoe as first sea-lord.

AT THE HOTELS

Sommer.
Dan Hynes, W. C. Yocum, M. W. Case, W. W. Shappiel, C. E. Chekery, D. Webster, George McHenry, H. Loveland, D. E. Clark, E. H. Cummings, David Robertson, Ward Goin, Portland; Guy F. Navarre, J. M. Schreiber and wife, W. H. Ragsdale, B. R. Nickles, Seattle; D. Albert Mount and wife, Joseph; G. H. Taylor, Fred Haas, Salt Lake; W. A. Welch and wife, Olympia; Paul Bost, Spokane; F. H. Ladd, Boise; T. F. Wilson, Washington, D. C.; O. M. Nelson, Corvallis; Owen Roberts, Chicago; J. Strong, Telocast; S. A. Anderson, Cove; George W. Beer, Spokane.

Savoy.
John Mayfield, Elgin; James Wool-el, Summerville; W. E. Wade, Payette; Gerald Tuttle, Spokane; R. L. Sprague, Joseph Beddes, Wallawa; Oliver Wood, J. W. Beecher, Lostine; D. H. Ervine, Prescott; E. E. Hughes and wife, Eugene Pettijohn, Alicel; Frank Millard, Mrs. E. S. Sunwall, A. C. Bauer, Enterprise; Sadie A. Resch, Joseph; Geo. L. Cleaver, Imbler; Mrs. R. H. Roberts, Union; Sam Runny, Anton Hansen, L. Boswell, Harry Ruhl and family, Ruth Graham, Velva Peebler, Dick Galloway.

Foley.
L. Miller, E. H. Weatherford, Baker; F. P. Williams and wife, La Grande; E. T. Schuer, Joseph; C. W. Todd, Great Falls, Montana; F. E. Graham, Mrs. Whiting, J. W. Chandler, W. Jacobs, Elgin; L. H. Mills, T. G. Kelly, L. R. Sutter, F. H. Greenia, G. E. Jackson, E. R. Hunlock, Thomas Harper, F. Burns, Portland; G. L. Fisher, Boise; C. P. Scully, Denver; R. C. Bean and wife, Pendleton; E. Galena, Chicago; J. W. Smeed, Caldwell; Wm. Cunningham, Buhl, Idaho; Charley Briggs, Starkey; W. J. Town-

TWO BIG SHIPS SAIL FOR LONDON FROM NEW YORK

THIRTEEN THOUSAND TON FREIGHTER MONOGAHELA ON ITS WAY.

AMERICAN MERCHANTMAN ALGONQUIN FOLLOWS

These Are the First United States Vessels to Leave New York En Route to London Since the Submarine Warning—Names and Registries Are Painted in Huge Letters.

New York, Feb. 21.—(United Press)—The thirteen thousand ton American Line freighter Monogahela sailed for London today. The American merchantman Algonquin followed closely. These are the first United States vessels to leave New York en route to London since the submarine warning. They are painted in their regular colors with the names and registries on both sides in huge letters.

LENT BEGINS TODAY

Today the penitential season of Lent begins. Throughout the world Christians regard the time between today and Easter Sunday as a time of meditation upon the sorrows of Christ. Particularly do the Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches observe the season. Services were held today in both the Catholic and Episcopal churches and services will be held throughout the coming weeks. Wednesday and Friday nights services will be held in the Catholic church.

GEORGE STODDARD VERY ILL

Telegrams last night from Santa Cruz, California, where George Stoddard lies critically ill said Mr. Stoddard was very low. Stomach complications have set in in addition to his bladder trouble. Mrs. George Stoddard of La Grande, Mrs. Ellen Stoddard, Mr. Stoddard's mother, and Ellen Eckles of Logan, Utah, a sister, are with Mr. Stoddard.

MOOSE MEETING TONIGHT

A number of candidates for admission to the La Grande Moose lodge will be initiated tonight at the regular meeting. "Daddy" Burt requests that all candidates meet in his room, No. 2, the Foley hotel, at 7:30 p. m.

Two Marriage Licenses Are Issued.

A marriage license was issued on Saturday to Merle E. Tidd and Miss Viola Knapp, both of La Grande. A license was issued Monday to Clem Ward and Miss Mary Barnes, both of Enterprise.

Fire Alarm Given This Morning.

An alarm this morning at 10:45 called out the fire department to the home of Fred B. Currey, city manager. Mrs. Currey became alarmed when a defective flue caused smoke to pour into the kitchen. No damage was done.

Two Chinese Examined.

Police Chief Rayburn arrested two Chinese Monday as they alighted from the Portland train and took them to the police station for examination. They were unarmed and stated to the chief that their business in the city was to investigate the Friday night shooting here and report back to their tong, the Hip Sing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Jones are Portland visitors.

THE WEATHER

Rain west, snow east; south winds.

General Pershing Appointed.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—(United Press)—Secretary of War Baker appointed General Pershing commander of the southern department, succeeding General Funston.

ley, Union; E. Rivett, M. F. Bryant, Huntington; O. J. Olson, St. Paul; Carl Roe, Enterprise; J. B. Titus, Baker; Ray Norval and wife, Imbler; J. W. Schreiber and wife, Seattle; G. O. Barnhart, Spokane.

Finley Lecture Attracts a Very Large Attendance

It is estimated that 1100 school children and 600 adults of La Grande heard the illustrated lecture of William L. Finley on Oregon's bird and animal life in the Arcade theater yesterday afternoon and evening. Four lectures were given.

The women of the Neighborhood club, under whose auspices Mr. Finley came to La Grande, were aided by Superintendent of Schools Linden McCullough and his corps of teachers in making the lectures of educational value. All the grade school children were admitted free yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Finley frequently travels

throughout Oregon giving lectures on Oregon's animal life. For this reason pictures such as he lectured upon yesterday can be shown for the small admission charged adults, and free to children. Mr. Finley received no fee for his lecture.

Mrs. George T. Cochran is chairman of the college extension department of the Neighborhood club, upon whom fell the direction of Mr. Finley's appearances here. She was assisted by Mesdames R. W. Logan, O. E. Silverthorn, Vincent Palmer, George Gilbert, L. D. Butler, C. B. Miller and W. A. Wade.

Loans to Farmers Will Soon Begin

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21.—(United Press)—The state land board today directed Clerk E. G. Brown immediately to prepare rural credits loan application blanks and send them to the state land board attorneys in every county. State Treasurer Kay estimated a million and a half dollars worth of rural credit bonds would be sold the first year, making that sum available for loans.

The state plans to purchase the first issue of \$50,000 five-year bonds using the state industrial accident trust funds. Within ten days \$50,000 will be available for loaning farmer at 5 per cent interest under the rural credits law provisions.

MARINE RECRUITED HERE

Elmer Bertrand, 20, of Sumas, Wash., but a resident of La Grande the past four months, enlisted today in the United States marines from the local office. Bertrand left last night for Mare Island where he will have 14 weeks of training before being assigned. Marines enlist for a period of four years.

One Game Tonight in Y. M. C. A. League

On account of the high school game tomorrow night with the Pendleton high, only one game will be played this evening in the Y. M. C. A. basketball league. The contesting teams are the Comets and the O-W. R. & N. The game will be the full time as prescribed by the rules and this will give the teams a better chance for scoring. The O-W. team is coming to the front; the addition of Pearson as center makes this team one of the strongest of the league. The game will start at 8 o'clock.

H. C. Roskamp left last night for a visit in Burlington, Iowa.

State Christian Endeavor Convention Closes In a Blaze of Enthusiasm

Many people in La Grande will not soon forget the Christian Endeavor convention which closed Sunday night after a three-day session.

The greater part of the state east of the Cascades lies within the convention zone and delegates came from far and near.

One young man traveled by stage 70 miles to get to the railroad and came 170 miles by rail.

Other delegates came from as far as Lone, Boise and Walla.

One hundred twenty-five delegates registered altogether.

A more enthusiastic crowd would be hard to find anywhere. It was an enthusiasm fired by purposefulness and sincerity, an enthusiasm electrified by the very spirit of the Christ—indeed the motto of the convention was "Christ Exalted," and well did they honor the motto in every session.

The Presbyterian church became too small for the increasing crowds as the convention progressed and the pastor of the M. E. church kindly offered his spacious and comfortable church for the closing service Sunday night. The offer was accepted and the house was well filled.

Not a single speaker failed to appear, every one was on the job promptly. Daniel A. Poling, Boston, assistant superintendent of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, addressed the convention not less than six times and every address was a masterpiece. Mr. Poling is a young man of about 30 years and very popular among young people.

Miss Louella S. Dyer, state president of the Washington Christian En-

WOMEN PLEAD FOR FOOD IN NEW YORK CITY

VISIT THE MAYOR AND DEMAND ACTION — THREATEN TO STARVE ON CITY HALL STEPS UNLESS AIDED.

New York, Feb. 21.—(United Press)—Mayor Mitchell promised to do everything possible to stop the high food prices. The women visited the mayor demanding action. They threatened to starve on the city hall steps unless relieved.

"Sweet Marie" Ganz led fifty women to the city today at noon. She demanded to see the mayor. One hundred women appeared shortly afterwards.

Seven representatives of the Mothers Anti-High Price League appeared, carrying resolutions from the mass meeting held last night.

The mayor received a small committee and made the promise.

Mrs. Fred Eckengren of Island City was in La Grande today.

Mrs. Pearl Mettler Buried. The funeral services of Mrs. Pearl Mettler of Elgin, who died in this city Sunday afternoon, were held in the Baptist church this afternoon.

Public Library Will Be Open. The public library will be open tomorrow.

Will Locate Near Island City.

M. J. Wittmeyer of Montrose county, Colorado, plans to buy some property near Island City and farm there. Mr. Wittmeyer has been near Island City for some time but has just decided to locate permanently. With Mr. Wittmeyer are his two children, a girl and a boy.

ALLIES SHIPS ARE VICTIMS OF THE U BOATS

A CROWDED ITALIAN TRANSPORT AND TWO ARMED STEAMERS ARE SUBMARINED.

EXTENT OF SUBMARINE SUCCESSES NOT KNOWN

Treasury Secretary Helfferich Declares the Undersea War Is a Success and That Germans Will Allow Nothing or Nobody to Wrest Victory From Them—He Declares Britain Food Supply Is Shrinking to Danger Point.

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 21.—(United Press)—The official press bureau announced that a crowded Italian transport, two armed steamers, an Italian merchantman, the French freighter Movenntaux, and the French schooner Aphrodite were submarined in the Mediterranean. They declared the real submarine successes were not known until submarines report.

Treasury Secretary Helfferich addressed the German agricultural council and discussed the submarine war. He said success was certain. He would "allow nothing or nobody to wrest successes from us." He asserted that British navigation was already depressed to danger point.

Helfferich said the submarines reduce British commerce about fifty per cent. He declared the British reserve stocks of meat and other necessities were reduced so that plentiful importations were imperative.

He said: "The British world empire has already been shaken to its foundations. They are now suffering the powerful and merciless strokes of our submarine navy. They will continue until the day, which every German heart ardently awaits, dawns."

M. I. A. Tournament Scheduled Thursday

Five Teams Are in Race—Three La Grande Men Disqualified—Mt. Glenn Looks Strong.

Five Eastern Oregon M. I. A. basketball teams will contest here Thursday in the high school gymnasium for the silver loving cup emblematic of the Eastern Oregon M. I. A. basketball championship. The teams are La Grande, Imbler, Union, Mt. Glenn and Baker. Three members of the La Grande team, Bean, Hollister and Larsen are disqualified; Bean and Larsen because they are officers in the Eastern Oregon M. I. A. and Hollister, because he has not yet reached a qualifying position in the M. I. A.

The games will begin at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 6 p. m. The final game will end just as the Pendleton and La Grande high school teams are ready to take the floor.

The silver cup was offered last year for the first time and was won by the La Grande team.

The following were registered at the Imperial hotel, Portland, Monday: George W. Wyatt and Cliff Wade of Enterprise, Mrs. G. R. Kerr and J. J. Quinland of La Grande.

Senator and Mrs. Walter M. Pierce have returned from Salem. Mrs. Pierce last night and Mr. Pierce this morning.

George Good returned last night from a business trip to Baker.

PRESIDENT WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR NEW POWER

WILL GIVE ADDRESS ON GERMAN SITUATION PROBABLY LATE NEXT WEEK.

WANTS POWER TO PROTECT AMERICAN RIGHTS

Belligerents Will Be Notified of Circumstances Surrounding the Address to Avoid Misunderstanding—Cabled Received That Turkey Will Support Germany—Naval Bill Reported Favorably in Senate.

(By Robert J. Bender, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Wilson practically determined to address Congress on the German situation probably late next week. He plans to ask broad powers to protect American rights after adjournment. He will advise all belligerents as to the exact circumstances surrounding the address to prevent misunderstandings. It is believed the President must take every precaution in order to prevent Germany from misinterpreting his act.

It is announced that Ambassador Elkus cabled the state department that Turkey reaffirmed the pledge to support Germany and Austria. She is determined to fight to victory. The cable said the Turkish Chamber of Deputies was anxious to strengthen the good relations with neutrals. The Chamber unanimously voted confidence in the new cabinet.

The Senate naval committee favorably reported the Administration's naval bill. It carries a total of nearly a half billion dollars. One hundred and twenty-eight million have been added since the House passed the bill. It authorizes the President to command private shipyards and munitions plants in the event of war.

Young Men Break Records at Y. M. C. A.

At the regular senior gymnasium class at the Y. M. C. A. last night, a new athletic record was made and the old record badly smashed. The event was the flying ring vault and several of the boys cleared the top of the standards. There is a belief that a better record would be established if the standards were higher. The following young men cleared the mark which was 7 feet 6 inches: Virgil Bolton, Lawrence Graham, W. A. Bradway and Elmer Horstman. During the class a number of the young men were trying to impersonate Frank Gotch on the wrestling mat and today they will be noticed by the way they hold up their heads because of sore necks. The next regular class will be held on Friday evening.

Mrs. A. Buckley left Monday night for Portland where she will make her home. Dick Buckley, formerly assistant superintendent of the O. W. R. & N. company here, has been in Portland since the first of the month. Mr. Buckley is assistant superintendent of the Portland division.

Charles Albert Small returned this morning from Salem, where he served as a representative from Union county.

E. W. Cox left last night for Tiffin, Ohio, where he will manage a moving picture theater.