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AUSTRO-AMERICAN CRISIS NOW HOLDS CENTER OF THE STAGE

Government Will Know In
Two Days If Relations
Are To Be Severed

STATE DEPARTMENT REFUSES
TO REVEAL NEGOTIATIONS

Austria Is Trying to Preserve Friend-
ship With the United States Despite
the Necessity of Upholding Ger-
many in Its Ruthless Submarining
Campaign—Severance of Relations
With Bulgaria and Turkey Prob-
able.

(By Robert J. Bender)
Washington, Feb. 22.—
(United Press)—The Aus-
tro-American situation held
the center of the war stage.
A climax is imminent. It is
generally believed that the
government would know
within two days whether
Austrian relations were to
be severed.

The state department re-
fused to reveal negotiations
covering eighteen days. It
is understood Austria is try-
ing to preserve the United
States' friendship despite
the necessity of upholding
German submarining. The
administration is delaying
the final step in order to
give thousands of Americans
time to leave the Teutonic
nations. The severance of
relations with Bulgaria and
Turkey will probably follow
the Austrian break.

SWEDEN PROTESTS SINKING OF STEAMER

Stockholm, Feb. 22.—
(United Press)—It is an-
nounced that Sweden has
formally protested the sink-
ing of the steamer Hugo
Hamilton.

Four Are Killed When Transport is Hit

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 22.—
(United Press)—It is an-
nounced that the Australian
transport Berrino was subma-
rined in European waters. Four
were killed. The ship stayed
afloat and was towed to port.

PLOT TO DYNAMITE YOUNGSTOWN FOUND

Two Turks Arrested—Have
Lots of Explosives

Youngstown, Feb. 22.—
(United Press)—The police
found evidence of a plot to
dynamite the Youngstown
Sheet Tube Company, em-
ploying ten thousand men.
Two Turks were arrested on
suspicion. They had large
quantities of explosives.

AMB. GERARD IS AT MADRID

King Alfonso Tenders Him
a Reception

Madrid, Spain, Feb. 22.—
(United Press)—Ambassa-
dor Gerard arrived here en
route home. King Alfonso
tendered him a reception.
Many notables were present.

MR. SMALL TELLS OF SESSIONS OF LEGISLATURE

Process of Law-Making Is
Surrounded By Many
Safeguards

Representative Charles Albert
Small has returned from representing
Union county at the legislature at Sa-
lem.

This morning he gave the following
interview to The Observer on the ses-
sion:

"It would be impossible to give you
in a few words a comprehensive idea
of my impressions of the legislature.
It is too much the habit of the human
mind to go off half cocked, to express
prejudiced opinions without knowing
the facts and to draw conclusions
without even a single instance on
which to base the conclusion.

"I have been impressed with the
safe guards which the legislative ma-
chinery throws around the process of
law-making. It is difficult for either
a good bill or a bad bill to get through
if it has opposition. It must pass the
scrutinizing eye of the committee to
which it is referred. There it is de-
bated and after the pros and cons are
heard from members of the committee
and from lobbyists who are there to
oppose or favor, it is reported favor-
able or unfavorable. If it is impor-
tant it is discussed everywhere, in ho-
tels, at the table, in private rooms, in
the newspapers. If it is reported fa-
vorably by the committee, or by a mi-
nority of the committee, or if the com-
mittee's report is opposed, it is de-
bated on the floor of the house and if
it gets by it is again fought in the
senate committee and on the floor of
the senate. If it gets by the senate,
the governor may veto it and if it is
not vetoed, the people have a final
word by means of the initiative and
referendum.

"I will not say that we were led into
a high mountain and tempted for
forty days and forty nights, but I will
say that from first to last every leg-
islator was put to a test of his moral
and intellectual worth.

"There were local measures and
there were state-wide measures. There

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Pendleton Will Play La Grande Tonight

The members of the Pendleton high
school basketball team arrived in La
Grande this morning. The game to-
night will no doubt be the fastest of
the season as both teams are in good
trim and both are confident of victory.
The Pendleton lineup is as fol-
lows: Fitzgerald, center; Duff and
Casey, forwards; Ulrich and Hargett,
guards; Bowman and Boylen, subs.

Holiday Observed In All of The Schools

Washington's birthday was fittingly
observed by the schools this afternoon.
Rev. H. L. Ford gave an excellent
address on "Washington" at the high
school. Patriotic songs were sung and
a salute to the flag was given by the
pupils. Mrs. Stella Ingle talked to
the pupils of the first grade at the li-
brary at 2 o'clock on "Stories of
Washington" and at 3 o'clock Miss
Mahaffey talked to the pupils of the
second and third grades. These are
the first of a series of story hours to
be conducted in the library and either
Riveria or Greenwood each Saturday.
The plan is fostered by the Neighbor-
hood club and will no doubt prove to
be very popular.

La Grande Is Chosen.

La Grande has been chosen as the
meeting place for the Eastern Oregon
convention of the Christian church. It
will be held in the latter part of June
and representatives of different states
will attend.

Union Will Hold Its Live- stock Show June 13, 14, 15

Union, Feb. 22.—(Special)—An enthusiastic meeting
of the Union Livestock Association and business men was
held in this city last night to decide whether they would
stage the annual show this year.

It was the unanimous decision of everyone present
that the show continue and all pledged their utmost sup-
port toward making it the largest and most successful one
held yet.

The date was set for June 13, 14, 15. Saturday, June
16, was set aside for the sale of stock.

The following officers were elected: President, M. S.
Levy; vice-president, J. F. Hutchinson; secretary, Geo. A.
Seibird; treasurer, Robt. Marr; directors, Tony D. Smith,
Robt. Withcombe, Geo. Benson, Wm. Vogel, W. J. Town-
ley, G. F. Hall and Thos Brasher.

WASHINGTON Born Feb. 22, 1732



George Washington is Still First in War, First in
Peace, First in The Hearts of His Countrymen.

ONE MAN KILLED IN STRIKE RIOT WOMAN JAILED

Florence Shields Is Accused
Of Inciting a Riot In
Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—
(United Press)—Heavy po-
lice guards are patrolling the
streets near the Franklin
Sugar Refinery as the re-
sult of a strike riot. One
man was killed. Florence
Shields was arrested. The
charge is inciting a riot.

LINER CELTIC REPORTED SUNK

New York, Feb. 22.—(United
Press)—The American liner Phil-
adelphia's passengers reported
that the White Star liner Celtic
was mined and sunk twelve hours
out from Liverpool. The story is
unconfirmed.

The Philadelphia's officers lat-
er said that the Celtic had hit a
mine and was towed back to port.
She is scheduled again to start to
New York today.

Cameron Wins Suit.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22.—(Special)
—J. E. Cameron, wealthy timberman,
won the suit brought against him by
Charles L. Cudwallader. The latter
charged alienation of his wife's af-
fections which he valued at \$50,000.

C. A. Small is suffering from a se-
vere cold.

TAAL ESTATE CLAIMS \$2000. CITY DECLINES

Damages Are Asked For
Construction of Second
Street Viaduct

COMMISSION OFFERS TO
CANCEL ST. ASSESSMENT

Condemnation Proceedings Will Now
Start and Matter Will Be Settled in
the Courts—Fire Alarm Bells Ar-
rive—Beaver Creek Reservoir Holds
Its Own and Now Has 5 1-2 Feet
of Water.

Wesley Harrison, representing the
Taal estate, appeared before the city
commission last night and stated that
he wanted \$1000 damages and cancel-
lation of \$1000 street improvements
on the Taal property on North Second
street, claiming that the erection of
the viaduct would damage the prop-
erty \$2000. The commission offered
to cancel the street improvement as-
sessment of \$1000. Mr. Harrison re-
fused to entertain the proposition and
as a result condemnation proceedings
will result and the matter settled in
the courts.

The O-W. R. & N. company is now
asking for bids on the construction
of the viaduct.

Electric bells for the calling of fire
volunteers have arrived and are being
installed today.

It was reported by Manager Curry
that there were 5 1-2 feet of water in
the Beaver creek reservoir, which is
holding its own as far as consump-
tion of water is concerned.

The city manager's report was read

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BERLIN CLAIMS MORE VICTORIES

Repulse of British Reported
At Armentieres—Sub-
marines a Success

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb.
22.—(United Press)—It is
announced that two hundred
British dead were counted
following the repulse at
South Armentieres. Thirty-
nine were captured. The
British penetrated the Ger-
man trenches. They were
immediately ejected. The
Russian attack failed south-
west of the Riga.

German thrusting detach-
ments were successful be-
tween Dneister and the Car-
pathians Forest.

Foreign Secretary Zim-
merman told the Reichstag's
main committee that Ger-
many would certainly
achieve its aim through the
submarine warfare. He an-
nounced a white book would
be published containing the
German diplomatic exchanges
with neutrals in regard to
submarinings. Navy Secre-
tary Capelle charged the
British with concealing the
true losses.

AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE RELEASED

Holt Liner Persheus Is Sub-
marined, Four Missing

London, Feb. 22.—(United
Press)—A Reuter Berlin
dispatch reported that the
American Yarrowdale pris-
oners were released. The
Holt liner Persheus was sub-
marined. Four are missing.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN NEW YORK NEARING AN END

Five Hundred Cars Sched-
uled To Reach Metrop-
olis Tonight

MEAT PRICES WILL
COME DOWN, PREDICTED

Hundreds of Thousands of Pounds of
Meat in Cold Storage Will Be
Received in Ten Days—Rice to Be
Substituted for Potatoes—Riots
Break Out in Philadelphia.

New York, Feb. 22.—
(United Press)—Five hun-
dred cars of western food
stuffs are scheduled to reach
New York tonight. This
will relieve the shortage.
Railroaders said the freight
congestion was improving.

Frank Jamieson, head of
the Retailers' Association,
predicted meat prices
would immediately decline.

He ascertained the hun-
dred thousand pounds of
meat in cold storage would
be here within ten days.

Tons of onions and pota-
toes are stored at the docks,
awaiting European ship-
ment. The health depart-
ment issued a bulletin urg-
ing the substitution of rice
for potatoes.

Riots At Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—
(United Press)—Jewish
women took part today in
food riots. They overturned
carts and cried "robbery".
They entered several shops
and fought dealers. Police
reserves dispersed the
crowds and are guarding
every corner, expecting new
demonstrations.

BILL IS KILLED GIVING WILSON MORE POWER

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—(Unit-
ed Press)—The senate judiciary com-
mittee killed the bill empowering the
president to handle the international
situation after adjournment without a
war declaration. Secretary Lansing
personally asked the committee to re-
port the bill favorably.

The house judiciary committee is
considering a substitute for the gen-
eral spy bill, empowering the presi-
dent to conscript material and men in
the event of a national emergency.
Arthur Holder, of the legislative com-
mittee of the American Federation of
Labor, suggested the measure.

Hoquiam Man Killed By Bridge Crank

Hoquiam, Wash., Feb. 22.—(United
Press)—A whirling bridge crank at
Bay City killed George E. Waldron
while his wife watched. The emer-
gency brake failed to work. The
crank's first blow broke Waldron's
jaw. The second knocked out his
brains. His wife was unable to as-
sist.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jackson, who
have been visiting friends and rela-
tives in Portland and Seattle, returned
to La Grande Tuesday.