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LLOYD GEORGE TELLS OF THE DANGER OF SUBMARINE BOATS

Greatest Measures Are Necessary To Avert Disaster, He Says. British Tonnage at Low Ebb.

BRITISH PEOPLE MUST MAKE ENORMOUS SACRIFICES TO WIN THE WAR.

"British Government Hopes to Dispose of Submarine Question—No Victory Is Sure Until the Submarines Are Hunted From the Deep," Says British Premier—Fifty Sinn Fein Sympathizers Are Arrested at Dublin.

London, Feb. 23.—(United Press)—Premier David Lloyd George told the Commons that British tonnage was at the lowest point. He said: "The gravest measures are necessary to avert disaster. We need more ships to handle ordinary business and military necessities. A million tons of British shipping has been assigned to France."

He asserted that British people must make enormous sacrifices in order to achieve victory. He predicted the nation's grit be tested.

"The government hopes effectively to dispose of the submarine question, but we cannot depend on this hope. No victory is sure unless the submarines are hunted from the deep. We must find more ships at any cost."

It is proposed to stop all nonessential imports, including timber.

Dublin reported that fifty Sinn Fein sympathizers were arrested under the defense of the realm act. Included in the list are prominent Gaelic league officers.

Lloyd George admitted that the food stocks were lowest within his recollection.

Imports decreased twenty million tons since the war started.

Italy and France are begging for more ships.

He admitted submarines destroyed "a considerable portion of our tonnage."

Importation restrictions now directly affect every British household.

O'NEIL WINS MATCH, IS NOW THE CHAMPION

LOCAL MAN DEFEATS I. A. JOHNSON—TAKES TWO FALLS OUT OF THREE.

BOTH MEN PUT UP GOOD CLEAN CONTESTS

Purse of \$100 Goes to the Victor—O'Neil Overcomes Superior Weight By Skill—Preliminary Is Fast and Furious—Large Crowd Witnesses the Contests.

Jack O'Neil of La Grande won the title of Pacific coast heavyweight champion by defeating I. A. Johnson at the Arcade theater last night.

He also won the \$100 purse put up by E. H. Ford, who managed the contest.

There was a large attendance and the crowd was back of the local man from the start.

On the stage a number of prominent men had ringside seats, from whom four judges were chosen to decide any disputes that might arise or any appeal from the referee's decision. Johnson chose Pat Foley and Theo. Schleuer of Joseph; O'Neil chose Dr. Holt and George Pullman.

There was tense excitement as the two men stepped on the mat and shook hands. Johnson immediately took the offensive.

It was immediately seen that Johnson outweighed the local 35 pounds and was as strong as a bull. But he was slow, and O'Neil was always able to block his holds or to wriggle out of dangerous situations.

O'Neil was the faster and had the science, and displayed strength and skill in the way he handled Johnson when he took the offensive, and maneuvered Johnson into a toe hold that gave him the first fall in 18 minutes. The second fall was won by O'Neil in ten minutes by a half Nelson and toe scissors hold which put the big man on his shoulders.

Then the crowd did cheer.

The match was clean and scientific, the two men were both good sportsmen, and there was no rough work. It was perhaps the best and cleanest wrestling match that has been seen in La Grande for some time.

The preliminary was between Roberts and Leffel, two local boys refereed by A. W. Nelson, was fast and furious, and both showed speed and class. It did not go to the second bout because of minor injuries received by Leffel.

C. D. Emahiser acted as announcer, and Fritz Lottes was referee of the main bout. A. W. Nelson was timekeeper.

In addition to the pictures, Jack O'Neil Jr. gave a clever exhibition of rope spinning that was worthy of many experienced vaudeville performers, and which won hearty applause from the audience.

LA GRANDE M. I. A. WINS LOVING CUP

In the elimination games played yesterday for the silver loving cup, emblematic of the Eastern Oregon M. I. A. basketball championship, the La Grande team surprised even some of the members of the local association by winning in the finals from the Mt. Glenn team 34 to 4. Union lost to Mt. Glenn in the first game, 26 to 16. The loving cup was presented to the team by David Stoddard and Mr. Baird. This is the second consecutive year La Grande has won the cup.

M. W. Oddie in County Jail.

M. W. Oddie, said to have been an itinerant insurance man who obtained money here under false pretenses, was arrested Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Graham and placed in the county jail.

Donald E. Myers Is Endorsed For Office

Imbler Man Recommended By Walter M. Pierce for Position of Chief Grain Inspector at Portland.

Senator Walter M. Pierce today wired the public service commission endorsing Donald E. Myers of Imbler for appointment as chief grain inspector under the act providing for the establishment of a hay inspection bureau at Portland.

Donald E. Myers has been a resident of this county for a number of years. He has had ten or fifteen

BILL TO RAISE BIGGER ARMY IS PREPARED

GENERAL STAFF PROPOSES TO CALL YOUNG MEN OF NINETEEN TO COLORS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—(United Press)—The army general staff's universal training plan has been submitted to congress. It carried no endorsement from President Wilson, or Secretary of War Baker.

The war department officials said the act would raise an army of half a million men annually. It calls out all able bodied citizens in their nineteenth year for eleven months continuous training.

Debates Joseph Teams Tonight.

La Grande high school negative and affirmative debating teams meet the Joseph teams here and in Joseph tonight. The debate here, in the high school, starts at 7:30 p. m. Clayton Ingle, leader, and Jose Reynolds, first colleague, compose the La Grande team here. Alfred Johnson, leader, Laynn Larson, first colleague, and Vinton Forbes, first alternate, are in Joseph for tonight's debate there. Colon R. Eberhard, member of the La Grande school board and a former resident of Joseph, will act as chairman here this evening.

AMERICAN IS KILLED; FRENCH LINER IS SUNK

ROBERT ALLEN HADDEN MISSIONARY, MEETS HIS DEATH.

THE ATHOS IS TORPEDOED EAST OF MALTA BY GERMANS

Consul Kiebler Cables State Department That the Steamer Was Torpedoed Without Warning—He Also Reports That the Vessel Carried Troops.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—(United Press)—Consul Kiebler of Malta cabled the state department that Robert Allen Hadden, an American missionary, was killed when the French liner Athos was torpedoed without warning 10 miles east of Malta on February 17. Consul Kiebler heard the liner carried troops.

SPECIAL TRAIN WILL LEAVE CALIFORNIA FOR THE INAUGURAL

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—(United Press)—The California inaugural special, bearing several score of Californians to Washington for the inaugural ceremonies on March 4, left here today.

Mrs. Eleanor Martin, general chairman of the special, and Mrs. Marmaduke Eskridge, chairman of the committee on transportation and itinerary, were in the party. The round trip will cost just \$250 per person. Members of the California party will live on the train while in Washington.

Chinese Have Hearing Today.

Chung Bing, Lai Hung and Wong One, the La Grande Chinese charged with assault with intent to kill Eng Chong last Friday night in a Fourth avenue Chinese shop, had their preliminary hearing this afternoon before Justice of the Peace Williams. C. H. Finn represented the Chinese. District Attorney Hodgkin appeared for the state.

years' experience in grain warehouses. Five or six years he was in the employ of the Pioneer flouring mills in Island City. At present he is engaged in raising livestock near Imbler.

"Mr. Myers is a capable young man," said Ed Kiddle this morning. "He will make a good inspector."

PRESIDENT MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO SEIZE SUPPLIES OF FOOD

Senator Lewis Introduces Resolution In Congress. Another Would Forbid Exportation.

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL PUT THE NATION'S FOOD PROBLEMS BEFORE CABINET

Despite the Food Riots Officials Doubt Whether Embargo Will Be Put On Food Products—They Believe Foreigners Incited the Riots—Interstate Commerce Commission Believes Freight Congestion Is Nearing An End—Railroads Rush Empties to Shipping Points.

Washington, Feb. 23.—(United Press)—Senator Lewis introduced the revenue bill amendment empowering the President to seize foodstuffs wrongfully held for the purpose of unjustly increasing prices in violation of the anti-trust laws.

Senator Martine offered a resolution prohibiting the exportation of staple foods.

President Wilson plans to put the food situation before the cabinet. He expects to take definite steps to force an appropriation covering the investigation.

Secretary Houston declared the administration planned to re-open the appropriation fight in the House if the Senate rejected it.

Despite food riots officials ridiculed the reports that an embargo might possibly be put on exportations. They hinted foreigners may have incited the riots.

Representative London wants a five million dollar appropriation for the purpose of buying food to be resold at reasonable prices.

The Interstate commerce commission believes the freight congestion is breaking. Railroads are rushing hundreds of empties to the big shipping points. It was learned that one hundred and sixty-five thousand cars were congested on February 10th.

COMMITTEE HEADS ARE NAMED BY MR. TALLMAN

President-Elect of Pendleton Commercial Club Chooses Men Who Will Serve Commercial Association.

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 23.—(Special)—At an adjourned meeting of the Commercial association, President-elect Tallman named the chairmen of the important committees that will serve during the new term. The appointments were confirmed by the meeting. Mr. Tallman was accorded the privilege of selecting his own board of managers through the courtesy of having him confer with the nominating committee which comprised Judge Marsh and Tom O'Brien. As Mr. Marsh was unable to be present, Mr. O'Brien named the men who were favorable to Mr. Tallman. As a

return courtesy, Mr. Tallman announced that each committee head would be allowed the right to name his own committeemen. In this way each committee will have men who will work in harmony for the good of the association.

The board of managers comprises the following: W. L. Thompson, Leon Cohen, R. Alexander, W. J. Clark, C. M. Bishop, J. F. Robinson, Wes Matlock, C. P. A. Loneragan and A. H. Cox.

The chairmen of the various committees were named as follows: M. Rice, promotion and trade extension; W. L. Thompson, public policy; Leon Cohen, city interests; R. Alexander, finance; W. J. Clark, railroad and transportation; C. M. Bishop, entertainment; S. R. Thompson, streets and roads; C. P. A. Loneragan, membership; A. H. Cox, publicity; J. C. Woodworth, auditing; Harry Gray, commercial interests; George Hartman, library. The last two named are new committeemen.

President-elect Tallman will take office in March and the committees will be operative at that time also.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Japanese Will Arm All Their Merchantmen. Tokyo, Feb. 23.—(United Press)—It is announced that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will arm all merchantmen sailing for American and European ports.

Germany Apologizes For Sinking Swedish Steamer. Stockholm, Feb. 23.—(United Press)—The German minister informed the Swedish government that the steamer Edda was submarined by "mistake". He expressed the Kaiser's formal regret and promised indemnity.

American Freighter Runs Submarines' Blockade. New York, Feb. 23.—(United Press)—The American freighter Orleans expects to arrive at Bordeaux tonight. The company offices are confident the ship ran the submarine's blockade. The company's Paris manager cabled the steamer was nearing the coast.

Salazar's Bandits Route Carranzistas. El Paso, Texas, Feb. 23.—(United Press)—Salazar's bandits routed the Carranzistas at Boca Grande, south of the New Mexico border yesterday. American army aeroplanes flew over the field watching the battle.

Pendleton High Defeated Last Night

Score 30 to 10, Indicates Comparative Ability of Teams—Larson and Ash Are Stars.

La Grande high defeated Pendleton high last night in basketball 30 to 10. The local boys played well and had possession of the ball most of the time. Pendleton was outclassed. The remarkable guarding of Larson and Ash kept the opponents away from the basket most of the time. After the game the student body gave an informal dance in the gymnasium.

Parent-Teachers' Meeting Today.

The Central school Parent-Teachers' association met this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Central school building. The following program was given: Piano solo, Adna Green; "Advantages of the Modern Methods of Teaching," Linden McCullough; "Phonic Demonstration," Miss Ingle's room; "Reading Demonstration," Miss Deal's room; vocal solo, Frederike Schilke.

Insane Patient Escapes From Asylum

Salem, Ore., Feb. 23.—(United Press)—Otto Streus escaped from the state insane hospital today. He pried open the window bars. He was traced past the railroad yards. Officials believe he is fleeing to Marion where he was formerly employed. He is not dangerous. He was committed from Clackamas county.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., Feb. 23.—(United Press)—The United States weather bureau forecast: Generally fair, except snow flurries in Eastern Oregon; south winds.

GEORGE STODDARD IS OUT OF DANGER

Elmer Stoddard has received word that his father, George Stoddard, ill at Santa Cruz, California, is out of danger.

BRITISH CHARGE TO SOUND OF THE HUNTING CALL

London Battalion, Composed of Clerks and Stenographers, Raided Prussian Infantry On Hill Forty And Displays Great Valor.

(By William Phillip Simms, United Press Correspondent) WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 23.—Clerks and stenographers forming the London battalion raided the hundred and eighty-fifth Prussian infantry near hill forty Tuesday evening.

The British lined up on open ground despite the heavy shrapnel fire.

They charged when the tally-ho bugle sounded the hunting call. They attacked the Germans on two sides.

The converging lines met in the midst of the German defenses and shook hands.

The prisoners were aghast at such conduct.

The British captured one hundred and eighteen men, one machine gun, dynamited a mine shaft, and bombed numerous dugouts containing several hundred Germans.