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REPUBLICANS START FILIBUSTER AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION

THEY OPPOSE GIVING PRESIDENT MORE POWER TO HANDLE SITUATION.

RESULT WILL PROBABLY BE AN EXTRA SESSION

Republicans Declare That Resolution Empowering President to Act Would Lead Country into Virtual State of War—President Wilson May Address Congress in Effort to Make His Position Clear Before the Nation.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—(United Press)—A Republican filibuster is on in full swing in both houses. It will probably force an extra session. Senator Smoot said: "The uncompromising filibuster which will be made against the passage of all administration legislation is a direct effort to frustrate this attempt to give President Wilson unlimited authority to handle the international situation."

Republicans oppose empowering the president to lead the country into a virtual state of war. Senator Smoot said disaster might result. Republicans may withdraw the filibuster provided President Wilson abandons his intention of seeking further authority.

Postmaster General Burleson carefully studied the filibuster situation. He made a full report to President Wilson. He strongly intimated that President Wilson may address a joint session to make his position clear before the nation. The administration forces feared Germany might misunderstand the congressional situation. The Republican leaders charge President Wilson with high handedly attempting to shove congress aside.

AT THE HOTELS

Sommer.

E. E. Arant, Union; T. H. Sutherland, Baker; W. T. Hislop, A. M. Sanborn, E. R. Hurst, W. M. Hartford, Portland; Mary Wells, Alci; A. W. Hawkins, Enterprise; George A. Roper, Minneapolis; A. Fraker, New York City; H. W. Coan, C. H. Starr, Gene Whiteside, L. S. Davis, Spokane; B. Parlett, Pendleton; C. H. Dowell, P. B. Arant, Cove; Burrell Weagel, Vern Ainsworth.

Savoy.

Chas. Fruit, A. H. Leland, C. L. Little, E. D. Vosburgh, C. N. Foster, J. C. Wade, Enterprise; Chas. D. Haus, N. Daron, Cove; R. L. Kemp, A. G. Winn, Alci; Fred Peetz, Hilgard, Ed Crandall, Elk River; Ray Cook, Lostine; A. Kinney, George Cross, O. R. Barnes, Elgin; Harold Austin, Calerico; R. L. Sprague, Joseph; M. C. Cropper, B. F. Horrell, Palmer Junction; H. Smet, Spokane; Annabel Wurzer, American Falls; C. Gezel, F. R. Clark, Portland; Mrs. Lindsay, Ontario; H. L. Moss, N. A. Cramer, Imbler; Al Hug, Summerville; W. A. Woodell, W. F. Knight, M. Maller, Dick Galloway, T. L. Sherod and family, E. T. Thompson.

Foley.

F. W. Whiting, A. E. Clawson, A. R. Cope and wife, Elgin; Zett Underwood, Wallowa; D. W. Warnock, Elba Conley, Paul Irvine, Maurice Elba, Joseph; Charles W. Waite, St. Joe, Mo.; J. Fisher, Walla Walla; I. Fairchild, Mrs. Fannie Heckman, Enterprise; Robt. B. Sheffer, A. C. Hagestad, Portland; Miss Zetta Underwood, Wallowa; Clarence Witty, Walla Walla; Mrs. Lindsey, city; Chas. Wing, New York; A. K. Jarred, Pendleton; Bob Wade, M. R. Smith, Baker; C. R. Gerry, Talocaset; Karl Stackland, Cove; W. S. Spinning, Portland; L. J. Furgason, La Grande; Chas. B. Saylor and wife, Tiffin, O.; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bennett, Baker.

Hospital Notes

J. Ross Leslie of Joseph was taken to the hospital a few days ago for an operation. He is making good progress.

Harry Hansen of Perry, who underwent an operation a few days ago, is getting along nicely.

John Larison was removed to his home today.

Clyde McKenzie of Summerville who has been in the hospital for the past ten days, left for his home today.

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THOUSAND DIE WHEN TRANSPORT IS SUNK

PRESS BUREAU ANNOUNCES THAT ITALIAN SHIP IS SUBMARINED.

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—The Press Bureau announced that the Italian transport Minas was submarined. One thousand troops were aboard. Only two survived.

Gasoline Explosion Causes Fire Today

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson and Florence Thompson Slightly Burned in Their Home.

Explosion of a basin of gasoline, in which Mrs. W. A. Thompson was washing a dress this morning between 8 and 9 o'clock in the Thompson home, 1517 U avenue, slightly burned Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and daughter, Florence, and did about \$200 damage. Mr. Thompson said his home was insured against fire. The fire was badly damaged and the interior of the dining and living rooms were scorched. Mrs. Thompson was burned on the arms when the explosion occurred. Mr. Thompson was burned on the hand when he dragged the flaming basin and the tub of water in which Mrs. Thompson had set the basin of gasoline as a precautionary measure, out of the house.

Union Local Institute Is Held Today

The program at the local institute for Union county, held here today, beginning at 10 a. m., was as follows: 10:00, opening; 10:15, "Agriculture in the Grades," Linden McCullough, city superintendent, La Grande; 10:45, "Grades and Grading," Principal Gene W. Hall, North Powder; 11:05, "Teaching Community Civics," Principal Royal Allen, Cove; 11:40, "Experimental Store," Miss Janet Jones, La Grande; dinner served by the domestic science department of the La Grande high school; 1:30, solo, "Mammy's Song" (Ware), Miss Leila Deborah Smith, La Grande; 1:45, "Function of High School in Relation to Industrial Life of Community," Principal A. C. Hampton, La Grande; 2:10, "School Discipline," Superintendent E. E. Arant, Union; 2:30, "That Margin of Time," Superintendent A. E. Clawson; 2:50, instrumental solo, "Novelette by Schumann," Miss Cecile Hindman, La Grande; 3:00, "Industrial Club Work," Paul Spillman, county agricultural agent.

Norris Now Has New Office.

E. S. Norris, formerly owner of the Oregon Cooperative association grocery store on Adams avenue, now has an office in the Huntington block.

Mayes Sent to Asylum.

James Mayes, the prisoner who was in the city jail recently for vagrancy, was adjudged insane Wednesday and sent to the Eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton. Mrs. Mayes went to Pendleton today.

Attend Kamela 'Hasenfeffer' Tonight

Among the La Grande people who are in Kamela for tonight's "hasenfeffer" are Herman Roesch, Hans Stutzinger, Jake Beaver, Mrs. Guy Price, H. B. Pidcock, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Pidcock, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pidcock, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bramwell and Ralph Walden.

Westbound Trains Are Late.

All westbound trains are late between two and six hours.

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SHIPS PASS SAFELY THRU BARRED ZONE

AMERICAN MERCHANTMEN ROCHESTER AND ORLEANS OUT OF DANGER.

Bordeaux, France, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—The American merchantman Rochester safely passed through the barred zone. She is scheduled to dock tonight. The Orleans and Rochester left New York together in defiance of the German warnings. The Orleans was reported safely through the zone yesterday.

Mooney Is Sentenced To Hang on May 17

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—Judge Griffin overruled Mooney's new trial motion and sentenced him to hang in San Quentin prison May 17 on account of complicity in the Preparedness parade bombing.

LA GRANDE TEAMS BEATEN BY JOSEPH

Decision of Judges Here Was Two to One, in Joseph Three to Nothing

With the Joseph high school debating team taking the affirmative and the La Grande high school debating team supporting the negative of the proposition that Oregon as a state should adopt a health insurance law embodying the essential features of a proposed uniform and standard law, in addition to the accident provisions of our present state laws, the two teams debating at La Grande met last evening before a large crowd at the high school auditorium. Professor Arant, of Union, E. Jasper, and Mr. Kelley residing outside of La Grande, acted as judges and their decision was two votes for the Joseph team and one for the La Grande team.

The Joseph debating team appearing here last evening consisted of Maurice Eben and Miss Elba Conley, while La Grande was represented by Messrs. Clayton Ingle and Joe Reynolds.

At Joseph last evening the La Grande team supported the affirmative of the same proposition and Joseph the negative. The decision there was for the Joseph team and is said to have been unanimous.

John Allen left for Barber, Idaho, last night where he has accepted a position as engineer in a logging camp. Robert Hill returned yesterday to his home in St. Paul, Neb.

P. Errico was a Portland passenger tonight but said he might return again to La Grande.

GERMANS CLAIM NO SUBMARINES LOST RECENTLY

CARSON'S SPEECH IN COMMONS IS ANSWERED—CHARGES REFUTED.

WORK OF THE SUBMARINES IS VERY HIGHLY PRAISED

German Newspaper Charges That Carson's Speech in Parliament Was Composed of Glittering Generalities—Also That British Are Violating International Law and Will Adopt Privateering.

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—The Lokale Anzeiger said no German submarine had been lost since February 1. It quoted a "competent source."

It analyzed Carson's speech in the house of commons and charged that real British losses were not admitted. "Carson mentioned forty battles with submarines. If true, the submarines' accomplishments are admirable. Carson indulged in glittering generalities and he carefully avoided figures."

Newspapers charge that the new British policy requiring neutrals to call at ports to submit to inspection was an unprecedented violation of neutral rights. It is said the British plan to re-establish privateering.

Peare Endorses D. E. Myers. Republican County Chairman Peare has written a letter to the Public Service Commission endorsing Donald E. Myers of Imbler, for the office of chief grain inspector in Portland.

Joseph Residents Want Peace.

Washington, Feb. 24.—(Special)—A blockade of Great Britain by Germany should be of no greater moment to this country than a blockade of Germany by the British, say 35 residents of Joseph, Or., who have forwarded their joint views to Senator Chamberlain. President Wilson was reelected on the plea of keeping the country out of war, they say, and the senator is asked to aid in keeping the country at peace.

To Preach at S. D. A. Church.

B. M. Grandy will preach at the Seventh Day Adventist church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: Tonight and Sunday rain in west; rain and snow in east. Warmer tonight. East to south winds increasing along the coast.

George H. Currey is in Portland.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

British and Dutch Steamers Submerged Seven Killed.

London, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—It is announced that the British steamers Grenadier and Trojan were submerged. The Grenadiers captain and six sailors perished. Seven Dutch steamers were sunk Thursday night. Total tonnage twenty-seven thousand. All crews were saved.

American On Board Ship Sunk By Submarine; Saved.

Washington, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—Consul Frost reported that Solomon Troizshe, of San Francisco, was aboard the Norwegian bark Blenheim submarined Thursday. All hands were saved. Frost said the Blenheim was en route from Pensacola to Green Rock. The submarine halted thirty miles southwest of Fastuet and gave the crew time to enter the life boats, then shelled and sunk the vessel. It towed the life boats until a British warship appeared.

British Occupy Abandoned Trenches.

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—Official statement: In the Somme sector the British occupied some parts of an advanced position. The trenches were already abandoned by the Germans. They were filled with mud.

French Detachment Penetrates German Lines.

Paris, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—It is announced that the French detachment penetrated the German lines at Vosges, north of Senones. The French defeated an attempted Teuton raid near Wissenbach.

Bernstorff May Go On His Way Tonight

Halifax, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—It is expected that the Frederick the Eighth carrying German Ambassador Bernstorff may proceed tonight. Inspection of the cargo is practically completed.

Governor Vetoes Two Bills, Approves Others

Salem, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—Governor Withycombe vetoed the bills increasing Hood River county officials' salaries and regulating school district boundaries.

He approved the six million dollar road bond bill including the special referendum election on June fourth. Approved the bill increasing the salaries of three Multnomah County Commissioners to three thousand dollars annually.

Mrs. Thomas Budge left this morning for Enterprise where she was called due to the illness of her grandson, Walter H. Galloway.

Cove School Meeting Restores Harmony

Parents, Teachers, School Authorities and Students Get Together and Agree On Peace Policy.

Cove, Feb. 23.—(Special)—For some time a spirit of dissatisfaction on the part of several of the students of the Cove high school has manifested itself. Miss Ault, assistant principal, being the subject of their discontent. Fact and fancy stimulated by youthful imagination of their alleged wrongs and injuries to which they claimed they had been subjected culminated in these students circulating a petition in the high school for Miss Ault's removal. Because of this and divers other acts of alleged disobedience and open defiance to school authorities, one was expelled and two suspended.

The parents followed in the footsteps of their children by circulating similar petitions asking for Miss Ault's release. In order to terminate this inharmonious state of affairs, the school board decided to call a mass meeting to which teachers, parents and high school students were especially invited, and where all parties concerned could voice their grievances or lend their approval of the authorities.

Such a meeting was held in the high school building Thursday night. Both sides of the issue were discussed in a free and friendly manner. Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, made a telling speech and urged that the hatchet be buried and that all parties concerned figuratively "kiss and make up."

After hearing both sides thoroughly presented the affected students voluntarily spoke, justifying Miss Ault and the school board in the course which they had taken, admitting their wrong and extending their apologies.

A resolution was unanimously adopted that as the course of the board and Miss Ault was approved that the students under suspension be reinstated without prejudice and that every effort be made to influence them to return to their school work.

The students have acted upon this recommendation and have returned to school.

American exports totaled \$613,441,020 in January, exceeding by nearly \$100,000,000 the previous high monthly record of \$521,650,904 made the preceding month, according to a statement issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, of the department of commerce.

William Flesor of Minam was in the city yesterday (Friday).

Men Invited to Tomorrow's Meeting.

All men are cordially invited to attend the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Evangelist Frederick Grimes of California will be the speaker. L. D. Butler will sing a solo, and Messrs. Dixon, Landrum, Anderson and Stagoberg will sing as a quartet. The meeting will be held in the lobby before the fireplace. A short song service will precede the meeting.

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AMERICAN LIFE ENDANGERED BY A SUBMARINE

THEODORE JOSEPH, SAILOR ON NORWEGIAN SHIP IS SAVED—SHIP WAS SUNK

Washington, Feb. 24.—(United Press)—Consul Osborne, at Havre, cabled the state department that the life of Theodore Joseph, American, had been imperiled when a submarine, without warning cannonaded the Norwegian steamer Alice. The steamer sank Wednesday. Joseph was saved. The submarine's nationality is not known. Twenty shots were fired. The Alice was en route to Port Albert, a free port. She was unarmed and carried fourteen sailors, but no passengers.

J. T. Williamson was in Pendleton Friday.

Heaviest Snow In Portland Since 1893

Portland, Ore., Feb. 24.—(United Press)—All shipyards are closed. Snow has stopped logging. Sawmills are working under difficulties. The weather forecaster said February's snow in Portland was the heaviest since 1893. Twelve and a half inches have fallen. An auto skidded in the snow. Seth Roberts, accountant, and B. K. Clear were seriously injured.

Steamships Collide, No Passengers Hurt

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—(United Press)—The Pacific Coast Steamship company's liners Northland and Senator collided off Eureka early this morning. No casualties. The Northland was northbound. She was forced to return to San Francisco. The Senator was badly damaged above the water line. Both carried full passenger lists.

UNION NEWS NOTES

High School Students Pass Good Bible Study Examinations—Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs Entertain.

Union, Ore., Feb. 24.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Willis Phillips were this week visitors at North Powder.

Lon Davis was here Tuesday from his ranch near North Powder.

A. N. Stonedahl was a Monday business visitor in La Grande. He returned Tuesday.

Clarence Miller returned from Baker the first part of the week. He had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Ed Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion F. Davis and daughter, Eleanor, were Monday visitors in Baker. They were guests at the annual banquet of the Baker order of Knights of Pythias.

Earl Jones returned Tuesday from Chicago. He had been attending the dental college at Northwestern university.

Lewis Bideler was in Baker Tuesday.

Mrs. J. J. Brown is spending the week-end at North Powder visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Hess.

Union, Ore., Feb. 24.—(Special)—At a special meeting of the Union public school board recently it was agreed that the public schools should continue until June 1, 1917, making up time lost during the measles quarantine. Superintendent E. E. Arant was engaged by the school board as superintendent of the Union public schools for the next three years.

CHINAMEN ARE BOUND OVER

Chung Bing, Wong One and Lai Hung, Chinese accused of assault with intent to kill upon Eng Chong, were bound over yesterday by Justice of the Peace Williams to appear before the grand jury. Chung Bing, who Eng Chong says he recognized as the man who shot at him through a window, and whom the prosecution yesterday said had a gun with him the night of the attack, Friday, February 16, was held in \$500 bonds. Lai Hung and Wong One were held in \$300 bonds. The bonds were furnished.