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HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTES TO GIVE WILSON POWER

Bill as Drafted Authorizes President to Use Guns and Gunners and \$100,000,000 to Protect Americans on the High Seas.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(United Press)—The House foreign committee approved the bill that the President might use guns and gunners and hundred million dollars to protect Americans on the high seas. The refused to authorize President Wilson to use "other instrumentalities." They inserted an amendment against using the war risk bureau funds to insure ships carrying munitions. The latter provision may bring the whole armed ships and munitions question into the situation and develop unpleasant complications.

Representatives Shackelford, Huddleston, Cooper and Porter voted adversely. They submitted a minority report. Thompson filed an individual minority report.

The committee defeated an amendment prohibiting President Wilson from arming munitions ships.

The Senate action is not expected until late tonight or tomorrow. The Senate military committee agreed to report the army bill carrying the universal training amendment.

Austria officially denied her submarines sunk the American ship Law. Ambassador Penfield cabled the state department the Law's captain was unable to identify the submarine.

Several members of the crew were Germans.

The development relieved the Austrian-American situation and increased the gravity of the German situation. It is believed the submarine is undoubtedly German if not Austrian.

House Votes to Hold Food Investigation

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—(United Press)—The house passed the Bland amendment to the sundry civil bill providing \$400,000 wherewith the federal trade commission investigates food prices. The vote was 247 to 158. The sundry civil bill passed without a record vote.

Ambassador Gerard Will Sail Today

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—(United Press)—The state department cable said that Ambassador Gerard was scheduled to sail from Coruna, Spain, today.

George Rankin of Hilgard is in the city today.

British Attacks Reported Repulsed

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 28.—(United Press)—It is announced that the British reconnoitering advances against Artois positions were repulsed. The French seized the German river positions west of the Aisne valley. Later they were recovered. The French attacks failed on the west bank of the Meuse.

Bryan Wants Vote On Question of War

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—(United Press)—Ex-Secretary William J. Bryan announced his intention of supporting the administration in the event of war. Until war comes he intends to oppose "with all his resources," all things leading toward war. He insisted on a referendum vote to decide whether a declaration of war should be made.

Naval Aeroplane Shells a Transport

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 28.—(United Press)—It is announced that Ger-

man naval aeroplanes shelled a hostile transport in the Northern Aegean Sea, and returned unscathed despite the violent shelling. Two enemy planes pursued.

Dr. E. S. Conklin's Lecture Was Enjoyed

Speaker Before Neighborhood Club Last Night Discussed "The Sub-Conscious."

Dr. E. S. Conklin, of the University of Oregon, lectured on "The Sub-Conscious" at the Neighborhood club rooms, the library, last night. The speaker traced the history of thought on the sub-conscious from Spinoza to modern psychologists and thinkers. The theories of Morton, Prince and Sigmund Freud were discussed as well as references to Munsterberg, Jones, and others. Mrs. R. J. Green opened the meeting with a piano solo, Chopin's Waltz, and an encore, "MacDowell's, The Eagle. Mrs. Logan presided and introduced the speaker. Following the lecture a colonial tea was enjoyed. Mrs. T. J. Serogin and Mrs. J. P. Graham poured and a number of young women assisted. The women were dressed as colonial dames and belles. Dr. Conklin left today for Pendleton where he will lecture tonight. The lectures under the auspices of the Neighborhood club are open to the public.

British Lose Fewer Men in February

London, Feb. 28.—(United Press)—The official British February casualty list showed total losses from all causes, 20,461. This list is the lowest since the war started. It is considered especially significant in view of the fact that the British made the greatest gains in the whole war this month.

ONE CAR COAL IS RECEIVED.

One carload of coal has been received by the Sawyer-Holmes company. The other dealers have received none though both are expecting carloads today or tomorrow.

Electrical devices for transmitting photographs by wire have reached such a stage of perfection in Europe that pictures have been sent 600 miles.

There is Catholic daily newspaper published in Tien-tsin, China.

DR. PHY GOES TO HOT LAKE SANATORIUM

Dr. Phy passed through La Grande today on his way from Spokane to Hot Lake, where he will take up his residence permanently and assume active operations at the Hot Lake sanatorium.

During the last two months the sanatorium has been completely overhauled and the hospital remodeled so as to make it modern in every respect.

Dr. Phy has been a practicing physician and surgeon over twenty years and has recently been practicing his profession in Spokane. A number of his patients will follow him to the Hot Lake sanatorium.

Dr. Phy was formerly connected with Hot Lake for eight years, going there from Baker City and built it up from a small house to the big, modern sanatorium of today. When he left there five years ago for Spokane, the institution was caring for over 200 transient guests and patients a day, practically all of whom were from outside the county and covering practically all the northwest.

Dr. Phy purchased and assumed possession of the Hot Lake property on January 1 and since that time has been remodeling and improving the hotel and hospital so as to make it one of the most modern and complete on the Pacific coast. He has installed the most modern X-ray apparatus to be had and surgical and medical equipment for diagnosis. His aim and object is to make Hot Lake the best equipped surgical and medical institute in the Pacific northwest, the development of which he will make his future career.

This means a great deal to Union county as practically all the money coming through this institution is money which would otherwise not come to this section of the country.

TURKS RETREAT BRITISH ARE IN PURSUIT

TURKS ABANDON QUANTITY OF EQUIPMENT AND THROW GUNS INTO TIGRIS RIVER.

London, Feb. 28.—(United Press)—It is announced that the British are continuing their pursuit of the retreating Turks at Mesopotamia. The statement said: "Monday the British engaged the enemy on three sides. The Turks abandoned quantities of equipment and stores thirty miles northwest of Kunt. They threw their guns into the Tigris. The British recaptured the gunboat Firefly, captured one Turkish ship and destroyed another."

Referendum Will Start Against Bills

Salem, Feb. 28.—(United Press)—It is reported that the referendum will probably start against the sterilization bill, the insurance code, and the bill removing the commercial fishing dead line to three miles below the Oregon City Falls.

The commercial fishermen are united against the latter. Fraternal orders are developing opposition to the insurance code. They dislike regulations imposed upon them. Many people oppose the sterilization bill.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Feb. 28.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: Fair; north-east winds.

Ed. E. Kiddle Speaks in Favor of Good Roads Bill

Ed. E. Kiddle spoke yesterday to the business men on good roads. The Observer ran part of his speech Tuesday and today runs the conclusion: "In order to have any good road legislation, it must be state-wide legislation and in state-wide legislation we cannot expect to always get an equal division of the spoils. But, if we get narrow minded and will not play unless we are the favored one, at least one of the favored ones we will not get anywhere. "While Portland is getting some benefit of the road being built, we are asking other things of her. For example, they are figuring on a million dollar bulk grain elevator and dock, while they have several millions now tied up in the Port of Portland. "There are thousands of acres of land in Central Oregon awaiting development, being held back by lack of transportation facilities, and the owners can well afford to pay liberally for transportation facilities such as a good automobile road would give them. And if Union and Baker counties do not get busy, they are liable to see the main overland auto

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LATE NEWS BY WIRE

British Are Within Two Miles of Bapaume. London, Feb. 18.—(United Press)—The British are within two miles of Bapaume. The German retreat slowed up, but is strongly resisting. Mud and immense barbed wire entanglements are hampering the advance. Patrols have not located the German's next strong defense line.

Aeroplanes Raid Brebach Iron Works. London, Feb. 28.—(United Press)—The admiralty announced that aeroplanes raided the Brebach Iron Works Sunday. Several air battles took place. One German machine was destroyed.

Son of Dead Mother Cries For Vengeance. Washington, Feb. 28.—(United Press)—President Wilson received Austin Hoy's cablegram demanding vengeance for his mother's and sister's death on the Laconia. He said: "I am an American living abroad for the promotion of American trade. My beloved mother and sister have been foully murdered on the high seas. I call upon my government to preserve our citizens' self respect. I am of military age and able to fight. I am ready if my country needs me to fight against brutal assassins. If my government stultifies my manhood, if the nation's manhood is remaining passive under this outrage, I shall take a man's chance under another flag."

German Newspaper Says Laconia Was Former Warship. Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 28.—The Tagliche-Rundschau said the Laconia was a British cruiser in nineteen sixteen and declared the admiralty changed the registry. It suggested the submarining was merely the fulfillment of the German threat that they would torpedo hospital ships when the registries were changed. The admiralty has no right to change a ship's status frequently, it said.

NEW LAUNDRY WILL START IN SIXTY DAYS

C. C. PENINGTON BUYS RICHEY CORNER AND WILL INSTALL MODERN PLANT.

La Grande is to have a new laundry.

C. C. Penington, a prominent business man, has closed a deal for the purchase of the 56 by 90 property at the corner of Washington and Depot streets, owned and occupied by G. M. Richey, which will be used as the home of the new laundry.

The Richey building is a modern one story brick, with full concrete basement. Only a few minor changes will have to be made. The plant and property will represent an investment of \$30,000.

An experienced laundryman has been engaged to come to La Grande to take charge. Within sixty days it is expected that the plant will be installed and in operation. The plant will be up-to-date and modern in every respect, and each machine will be operated by a separate motor.

"We will do good work and give the people good service," said Mr. Penington this morning, "and for that reason will install the most modern plant possible, and will have experienced people in charge of every department."

Union Woman Died Yesterday Afternoon

Mrs. Laura Sirrine of Union, wife of Theodore Sirrine, died in Union of heart failure yesterday afternoon at four. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Y. M. C. A. Shows Respect to Mr. Stoddard

The Y. M. C. A. announces that all games and gymnasium classes will be discontinued the remainder of this week, in respect to George Stoddard, a director, a member and a loyal friend of the local Young Men's Christian association. By the death of Mr. Stoddard the Y. M. C. A. loses one of its best supporters in the city.

Tributes Are Paid to The Memory of George Stoddard

Postmaster Bragg Says "Big Loss." E. E. Bragg—"It was not George Stoddard's money that endeared him to La Grande people. It was his manhood. His loss is a big one to La Grande. I do not know of another man we could miss more than he."

Big Loss to La Grande. Fred B. Currey—"The death of Mr. Stoddard is one of the biggest losses that La Grande has sustained since the death of J. M. Church. He will be missed in all circles."

Big Man, Valued Citizen. Fred J. Holmes—"With the death of Mr. Stoddard the community has lost a big man and a valuable citizen—one who will be missed by every industry. He was a friend of every man in every walk of life."

Hard Place to Fill. Commissioner H. S. Brown—"The death of Mr. Stoddard has left a place that can never be filled. Because of his faith and the good which he has done the loss to the community can never be fully expressed."

A Good Father. J. G. King—"My personal acquaintance with George Stoddard has been somewhat brief, but it is impossible to meet any person be it great or small, but what it is possible to get an impression of some kind. I have received many impressions from the life of Mr. Stoddard. His quiet unassuming way has led many to have great respect for him, but beneath this characteristic, there surely must have been a definite underlying foundation and this leads me to the one great impression that I received from my acquaintance with him, and that is, the splendid relationship."

Among First Citizens. J. E. Foley—"No one can ever replace him. He was among our first citizens."

Progressive Man. Geo. T. Cochran—"Our associations with Mr. Stoddard in business and civic matters were always of the highest order and I regarded him as one

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