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AUSTRIA YIELDS A POINT TO U. S.

In Submarine Negotiations Refuses to Surrender Right to Sink Enemy Merchantmen But Does Not Include Those of The Neutral Nations

Washington, March 6.—(United Press)—The state department received Austria's reply to the American submarine memorandum. Austria refuses to surrender her right to sink enemy merchantmen. This does not include neutrals. Authorities believe Austria has conceded a point.

The United States is inclined to await Austria's acts. Officials said the note indicated a desire to avoid a break. The United States does not want to sever diplomatic relations, merely because Austria supports the German theory.

Japan Maintains Friendship For United States.

Tokio, March 6.—(United Press)—Premier Terauchi issued a statement declaring that the Zimmermann letter reevealed Germany's efforts to estrange Japan from the United States and showed Germany's complete ignorance of other nations' aims. It said Japan would manifest "sheer madness" if it attempted to desert the Allies and attack the United States. It emphasized Japan's friendship for the United States.

British Are Repulsed By Germans.

Berlin, via Sayville, March 6.—(United Press)—It is announced that the British were repulsed at East Bouclay and Vesnes. A German fire annihilated the attackers.

Germans Fail to Recover Lost Trenches.

Paris, March 5.—(United Press)—It is announced that desperate fighting continues in the Caubieres Woods and Douamont. Germans were unable to recover their lost trenches.

British Naval Aeroplanes Drop Bombs.

London, Mar. 6.—(United Press)—It is announced that navy aeroplanes dropped heavy bombs on the German blast furnaces at Brebaes Saturday.

Tennessee River Floods Portion of Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, March 6.—(United Press)—The Tennessee River flooded portions of the city. Four thousand are homeless. Schoolhouses sheltered the refugees. It is feared that the river may continue rising until Thursday.

WILSON URGED TO GO AHEAD AND ARM OUR SHIPS

Washington, March 6.—(United Press)—President Wilson is expected to announce today whether he has the power to arm merchantmen. It has been strongly intimated that the legal department believes the president is empowered to furnish naval armaments. Officially it is believed President Wilson will not act unless he is certain of his course. The White House is receiving scores of telegrams urging the president to arm ships.

President Wilson ordered copies of his inauguration address sent to all foreign governments. He wants the United States attitude to be distinctly understood. Democratic senators caucused today. They started a campaign to revise rules so as to prevent further filibusters. They named Senator Martin of Virginia as Democratic floor leader. Senator King of Utah was elected as senate secretary.

Two Men Charged With Starting Plot

New York, March 6.—(United Press)—Doctor Chanader Chakiberty and Doctor Ernest Eckunner were arrested here today charged with starting a military expedition against a friendly nation. The police said they plotted to cause an Indian revolution. They admitted getting \$60,000 from Wolf von Igel, alleged German plotter. Detectives raided the men's flat-

ionable apartments and found mysterious chemicals and pamphlets urging Hindu uprisings. It is reported Count von Bernstorff left a \$2,000,000 fund here for the purpose of financing German propaganda.

Club Wheat Sells At \$1.67 a Bushel

Portland, March 6.—(United Press)—The Merchants Exchange reported the sale of ten thousand bushels of April Club wheat at \$1.67 per bushel. This is a record breaking price.

THE WEATHER

Portland, March 6.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Fair to night; cooler in west portion; frost. Wednesday, fair, east winds."

Fuller's House Robbed.
—The Portland Heights residence of F. J. Fuller, vice-president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, was twice burglarized. The police believe that burglars were hunting for charts showing revolutionary wireless improvements. Fuller's son is conducting experiments. He is chief electrical engineer of the federal wireless.

Lutheran Ladies to Meet.
The Ladies of the Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Hanson on the corner of Fifth and M streets Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

C. C. Pennington was a Pendleton visitor yesterday.

LA GRANDE IS TO HAVE A COMMUNITY STYLE SHOW

Event Will Be Held Next Monday and Tuesday-- All of The Local Stores Will Be Represented-- Celebrated New York Model To Appear

La Grande is to have a Community Style Show. Arrangements were completed this morning between the merchants of this city and Arthur H. Allen, manager for Mabel Vaughan, the celebrated New York model.

The show will be staged at the Arcade theater on next Monday and Tuesday nights with a special matinee for ladies only on Tuesday afternoon. All of the local stores will be represented by local girls and the affair will be directed by Mr. Allen, who has successfully staged similar events for merchants of the largest cities on the Pacific coast.

However the real interest in the Community Show will center around the star, Miss Vaughan. This young lady has scored an unprecedented success from coast to coast and has received column after column of the most flattering newspaper comment in every city where she has appeared. Miss Vaughan will assist in training the local girls who take part in the production and the entire show will be directed personally by Mr. Allen.

There will be a contest—two contests in fact. One contest will determine who is the most popular local model and the other contest will determine which store has the best dressed display windows. A silver trophy cup will be given to the store having the best spring window display and the most popular local model will be presented with a complete spring outfit by the merchants participating.

The young ladies who will appear in the production will be nominated. Nominations will close at noon Wednesday and the first rehearsal of the local girls will be held at the Arcade theater tomorrow afternoon. All of the special scenery and stage effects used by Miss Vaughan in her community shows in the larger cities will be used in the La Grande production. Special musical scores, arranged for this show, are carried and a five piece orchestra will furnish music for the show.

The wires carried telegrams to all of the big designing firms in the country this morning urging that immediate shipments be made of the very latest garments from the fashion centers of America. One merchant

Meet Me At The Auto Show Is The Very Latest Slogan

Plans are going on apace for the La Grande Automobile and Motorcycle show March 15, 16 and 17. Joseph M. Rieg, who has been manager of the big automobile shows in Portland, Pendleton and Walla Walla will be here in a few days to begin the decorating of the Hilton garage where the show will be held. The place will be beautifully arranged with specially painted scenery, but of course the handsome new models will be the feature. Society is expected to be out in force, there will be music and entertainment, and perhaps at odd moments a little dancing will be permitted.

Automobile and motorcycle dealers have adopted the slogan, "Meet Me at the Auto Show."

Senator Lane Explains.
Washington, March 6.—(Special)—Senator Harry Lane denies he participated in a filibuster of the armed ship neutrality bill. He says he wanted it amended so protection would be given only to American ships and not to any carrying munitions of war.

Cove Woman Drops Dead.
Cove, Or., March 5.—When O. T. Severs entered his home at noon on Friday he found the dead body of his wife on the floor of their bedroom. Although known to have heart trouble during the past year, Mrs. Severs was not an invalid. On Friday morning her daughter had gone on a motor trip to La Grande, and the husband to work. Mrs. Severs had apparently left the living room to air the bedroom when she fell dead. A physician and relatives living nearby found no signs of life. Deceased is survived by the husband, two daughters, Mrs. John F. Dean and Miss Bonnie Severs, of Cove, and a son, Rankin Severs. She was born December 13, 1852, in

MEN SURPRISED FIND LADIES AT LUNCHEON

WIVES OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN INVADE DINING ROOM

GREET THEIR SPOUSES WITH SONGS AND TOASTS

Roll Call Is Answered and Many Clever Answers Are Given—Miss Cronen Tells of Work of Red Cross—Pat Foley Feeds 84 Men and 43 Ladies, Twice Number He Had Expected.

La Grande women can keep a secret. A group for days have been planning to surprise their husbands and they did today in great shape.

When the business and professional men arrived at the Foley hotel for their weekly noon day luncheon, they found a bevy of beauty and femininity seated at the big dining room table, and as they entered the ladies sang this song:

Here come the men,
Whom we knew not long ago!
Here come the men!
From their happy homes they go!
Here come the men to better feeding places
We hear their gentle voices saying:
DO MAKE HASTE!

They're coming!
The men!
For they're hungry as can be
I know they're glad that we are here—
YOU AND ME!

Where do they go when they leave us alone!

Where do they, when they do not come back home?
Why do they find these gatherings such a treat?

We hear their gentle voices saying,
O NEXT WEEK!
To say that George T. Cochran, chairman of the day, was surprised was putting it mildly.

"Why, didn't you put me wise to this," he gently chided Mrs. Cochran. As the men walked in the ladies sang their songs, and some of the late comers, like Mr. Scroggin, Dr. Hall, U. G. Couch and Turner Oliver had to run the gauntlet of feminine eyes.

Pat Foley, even, wasn't in the secret but he battled manfully to handle the double crowd.

And then Chairman Cochran rose to the occasion when all were seated and called the roll. The replies from the women were clever.

Mrs. Fred Currey said she was "general manager of the city manager of the city of La Grande."

Mrs. Logan announced that she was chief booster for the banquet of the cattlemen's convention.

Several of the ladies announced that they were wives of honest lawyers.

Mrs. Kiddle told of her husband's adventures in flour and his "in and out" political career.

Mrs. Parker read a clever verse describing the meals the ladies ate when their husbands did not come home for lunch.

When it came to the roll call for the men many of them announced themselves as their wives' husbands, or working for their wives, or as Fred Currey did "assistant manager in the Currey household."

Representing the ladies on the speaking program was Miss Cronen of the Red Cross association.

Senator Walter M. Pierce was the speaker of the day for the men.

Fred J. Holmes made a plea for boosting the Cattle and Horse Raisers association.

Clarke Leiter and Frank Hilton boosted the La Grande Auto and Motorcycle Show, March 15, 16 and 17.

Taking it as a whole the presence of the ladies, their songs, verses and clever answers to the roll call made the luncheon a very enjoyable event. And it proved that secrets are kept from the men.

Those Present.

La Grande women who surprised the men at the luncheon were: Mesdames George Gilbert, L. M. McCullough, J. D. Slater, Laura M. Pierce, Carrie B. Currey, M. K. Hall, Henrietta B. Leiter, G. L. Larson, T. J. Scroggin, W. B. Sargent, George T. Cochran, Anna B. Parker, Edna C. Brown, Anna M. Polack, May E. Wright, Eva Emahiser, Mac Wood, A. T. Hill, George H. Currey, Dora J. Underwood, L. B. Moe, Maude L.

DECLARES PRESSURE IS TREMENDOUS AT CLOSE OF SESSION.

LA GRANDE HAS CHANCE TO GET NORMAL SCHOOL

Speaker at Business Men's Luncheon Tells of Work for Grain Standardization—Declares Six Per Cent Limitation Law Saved State a Million—Believes One Legislative Body of Fifteen Would Introduce Commission Form of Government in State Affairs.

Senator Pierce delivered a short but pointed address at the business men's luncheon at the Foley Hotel today.

Senator Pierce in the first place made a hit by claiming that he deserved the credit for attracting the ladies to the luncheon.

"Since they never came before," he said, "I am justified in saying that they came here today to hear me speak."

Senator Pierce told of the terrific burdens and pressure brought upon legislators in the closing days of the session. He told how the senate voted \$2,000,000 on the last day of the session, without batting an eye, and without many of the Senators knowing what they were voting for.

Senator Pierce told of his work for the normal school for Eastern Oregon, which will be submitted to the voters at the next general election. He said that La Grande had a good chance to win the normal school, since it was geographically located as the center of Eastern Oregon, and was the city that had the educational and moral atmosphere needed to surround such a school. He said that La Grande could put up a winning fight and should do so.

"I would rather have the normal school located here than to have a penitentiary or an asylum," he declared.

Senator Pierce told how the Governor and Tom Kuy had opposed the 6 per cent limitation amendment, how it had finally been carried and how it saved the people over a million dollars at the last session. Senator Pierce said he had a great respect for the legislature that it was composed of able and honest men, but that under the circumstances, of the terrible rush at the close of the session, and the tremendous influx of visitors and lobbyists, it was impossible for the legislature to do its work slowly and deliberately. He suggested a single legislative body of fifteen, five from each congressional district, which would introduce practically the commission form of government into state affairs.

Senator Pierce also referred briefly to his work for the standardization of grain in the state. He said that his experience in getting the six per cent limitation bill through had given him a great respect for the initiative.

Hanna, J. T. Williamson, R. J. Green, Margaret Ingle, C. H. Bidwell of Island City, William Miller, J. Garfield King, Edgar R. Ellis, R. E. L. Holt, Bertha M. Logan, Geo. L. Clark, William Tamaree of Wrangell, Alaska, Emma L. Kiddle of Island City, C. B. Miller, Chas. Reynolds, J. P. Graham, Pat Foley, S. D. Crowe, E. E. Kirtley, E. P. Mossman, Ray W. Logan, Miss Mary Cronen of Portland, F. E. Oxner.

The men present were: George T. Cochran, Walter M. Pierce, Dr. H. S. Brown, Lot L. Snodgrass, Dr. R. F. Murphy, H. R. Hanna, F. E. Oliver, Linden McCullough, J. E. Reynolds, T. H. Taylor of Portland, J. L. Ingle, A. W. Nelson, W. B. Sargent, C. B. Miller, H. L. Lyon, C. D. Emahiser, Ed. E. Kiddle, L. H. Russell, F. A. Epling, G. C. Hopkins, Rev. S. M. Roberts, J. Garfield King, Chas. H. Reynolds.

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