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GOVERNMENT WILL ARM OUR MERCHANT SHIPS

State Department Notifies All Foreign Diplomats of Intentions. Edison Is Trying To Design Method of Protecting Ships.

(By CARY D. GROAT, United Press Correspondent)
Washington, March 12.—The state department officially notified all foreign diplomats here that American naval gunners will be placed on the United States merchantmen entering the barred zone.

The announcement followed Secretary Lansing's conference with President Wilson.

The government intends to arm munitions ships, also.

The navy department is secretive. It is known that Edison is trying to design a method of safe-guarding merchantmen. Plans are withheld for military reasons. If perfected a smoke screen may be employed.

Electric methods of detecting submarines are suggested. Armed Americans will probably sail shortly.

French Make Further Gains.

Paris, March 12.—(United Press)—It is announced that the French made further gains in the Maisons and Champagne region last night.

Ambassador Gerard Burned All Embassy Papers.

Havana, March 12.—(United Press)—Ambassador Gerard is withholding details of his Berlin experiences pending his consultation with President Wilson. He had no knowledge of the Zimmermann plot. Other members of the party said Ambassador Gerard warned the United States that Germany was intriguing with Mexico months ago. Ambassador Gerard burned all the embassy papers on account of spies.

Duchess of Connaught Is Ill.

London, March 12.—(United Press)—The Duchess of Connaught is dangerously ill with bronchial pneumonia.

BRITISH WIN BIG VICTORY

London, Mar. 12.—(United Press)—Bonarlaw told the Commons the British had achieved a brilliant victory at Bagdad. Two-thirds of the total Turkish artillery was captured or destroyed. The retreating Turks threw their guns into the Tigris.

TWO NORWEGIAN SAILORS MISSING

London, Mar. 12.—(United Press)—Two missing boatloads of survivors of the Norwegian ship Storstad arrived off the Irish coast. This leaves no members of the crew unaccounted for. The Storstad was submerged last week.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON WILL BE SENATOR

Sacramento, Mar. 12.—(United Press)—Governor Johnson announced his intention of resigning the governorship Thursday noon. He will take his place in the Senate.

EDWARD MAYBERY GRANTED REPRIEVE

Washington, March 12.—(United Press)—President Wilson granted Edward Maybery, the Spokane murderer, a month's respite. He was sentenced to death. His reprieve enables his attorneys to appeal from the Federal court sentence, which conflicts with the state law barring capital punishment.

FOOD IS SHORT; BRITAIN FEELS THE PINCH

Potatoes Are Scarce, Prices Are Rising—Poor People Complain.

By ED. L. KEEN
London, Mar. 12.—(United Press)—The potato shortage has pinched Great Britain. Vegetables are regarded as essential at every meal. Residents in the poor quarters alleged certain markets were saving supplies, hoping to charge extortionate prices later. All London restaurants raised potato prices and decreased portions. Sugar supplies are steadily diminishing.

THOS R. SHERIDAN LOSES HIS APPEAL

Washington, March 12.—The supreme court refused the rehearing of Thomas R. Sheridan, president of the First National Bank of Roseburg, convicted of misappropriating funds of David Hull and Laura Verrell, depositors. The court's refusal closes the case.

BRITISH UP TO THE MAIN DEFENSE LINES

With the British Army in France, March 12.—(United Press)—The British capture of Irless brings the British to the main German defense line between Loupart Woods and Achiet Lepett. The British attacked from the west and south. The lines met. Small German groups working machine guns. They killed and captured every German. They swept quarries and sunken roads.

FOOD SPECULATORS WILL BE INDICTED

Washington, March 12.—(United Press)—It is learned another group of indictments of food price manipulators will be returned in New York shortly. Attorney General Gregory conferred with the special food investigators.

Pendleton In Throes of Police-Mayor Fight

Chief Tom Gurdane Has Accepted Federal Position—Frank Nash Is Acting Chief.

Pendleton, Ore., March 12.—At a special meeting of the city council called for the purpose Friday morning, Tom Gurdane resigned as chief of police, to take effect this morning. The Council at first was disinclined to accept the resignation but finally decided to do so. Frank Nash, who has been a member of the night force, has been appointed as chief of police and began his new duties this morning. Although it is understood that a lack of complete accord between the mayor and his chief, had a part in the determination of Mr. Gurdane to give up his place, the immediate cause was the receipt of a telegram by Mr. Gurdane from Alf Oftedal, asking the chief to join him immediately and aid in working up a case for the federal government. Mr. Gurdane and Mr. Oftedal, who is in the service of the government engaged in the prosecution of Indian liquor cases, have been closely associated in the work of the federal office here.

SENATOR STONE KEEPS PLACE AS CHAIRMAN

Senate Steering Committee Reports the New Committee Assignments

Washington, March 12.—(United Press)—The Senate steering committee announced new committee assignments. Senator Stone was named foreign relations chairman. Senators Thomas, Fall, and Knox are all new members of the foreign relations committee. Democrats preside over fifty-four committees, and Republicans twenty.

MINER KILLED IN FIRE IN BUTTE MINE

Butte, March 12.—(United Press)—Gas from the Leonard mine fire entered the West Coluse tramway workings and killed one miner and rendered several unconscious. It forced temporary cessation of work. The Leonard mine was not affected as the fire was confined to abandoned workings. It is now under control. Normal conditions are expected within a few days.

BILLINGSLEY HELPED RECALL

Seattle, Wash., March 12.—(United Press)—Billingsley testified he gave Dr. Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian church one thousand dollars to hire detectives to get evidence against Hi Gill at the basis of a recall campaign.

ARREST BOMB PLOT ACCOMPLICE

New York, March 12.—(United Press)—John Humbert was arrested this afternoon on a charge of implication in the Fritz Kolbs-Hoboken bomb plot. Police believe Humbert is an accomplice of "Karl". He temporarily escaped when his hotel rooms were raided.

Ex-Umatilla Mayor Captures Safe Robbers

Umatilla, March 10.—(United Press)—Former Mayor Starcher and three others boarded a switch engine, and pursued two yeggmen down the railroad tracks early this morning after the Brownell store safe was dynamited. The fugitives were captured. They had small sums from the safe and a small quantity of explosives.

To Form High School Corps.

For the purpose of forming a high school cadet corps a committee of high school young men will meet Thursday afternoon with a committee of business and professional men to discuss the formation procedure. Sergeant Rice of the local marine recruiting office has consented to drill the boys.

The Weather

Portland, Mar. 12.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: Rain in west. Rain and snow in east. South winds. Gale near coast.

TURNER OLIVER APPOINTED OFFICIAL OF LAND BANK

Prominent La Grande Lawyer Named Attorney and Registrar of Spokane Branch of National Rural Credits System.

La Grande citizens this morning were filled with conflicting emotions as the news of the appointment of Turner Oliver to be registrar and attorney for the federal land bank of Spokane became known. One was the joy that a citizen of La Grande should be selected for the place; another was that that man was Turner Oliver; the third, was a sense of the loss this community would suffer in losing the man who has spent 53 of his 57 years in Union county.

The position of registrar and attorney of the land bank carries a salary of \$4000 a year. Mr. Oliver had applied for the position of chief counsel of the bank but was informed some days ago in a letter from Senator George E. Chamberlain that the bank would be permitted to appoint its own chief counsel and that, for the present, the position of registrar and attorney should carry all the legal work. Mr. Oliver was surprised Saturday night when a reporter told him before a telegram from Secretary of the Treasury W. G. McAdoo had reached him, that he had been appointed to the position. "I had applied for it," said Mr. Oliver, "but I had not expected to get it."



TURNER OLIVER.

Secretary McAdoo's telegram merely stated that Mr. Oliver had been appointed to the position and that he would be notified later as to the time and place of the organization meeting. "I will probably go to Spokane for the organization meeting," said Mr. Oliver this morning, "and then return to La Grande to wind up my law business here. It will probably take me two or three months to do this. I shall probably hire other attorneys to help me close up my business."

Mr. Oliver thought that it would be two or three months before he would leave La Grande.

CYCLONE DOES GREAT DAMAGE

New Castle, Ind., March 12.—(United Press)—All victims of yesterday's cyclone are sheltered. Twenty known dead are here. The property damage is estimated at a million dollars.

The work of clearing up the debris has started. Many large cities sent funds. Russell McLean, eighteen, is the only additional death reported today. Many are still missing. It is believed the death list will grow as ruins are cleared. Figures include two children of Ernest Gray, a farmer, who were crushed to death when the home was demolished. Cincinnati reported three dead and fifty injured.

At Trotwood two were injured. At Brookville one was injured. At Johnsonville one was injured. At Dayton fifteen thousand dollar loss. At New Castle one hundred and fifty injured.

One must fight as an archangel for freedom but in freedom one must live as a saint.—Serbian Proverb.

Commercial Clubs Asked to Auto Show

City Manager Fred B. Currey has invited the commercial clubs of Baker, Pendleton, Union, Wallawa, Enterprise, Elgin, and other nearby cities and towns, to send representatives to the automobile show Friday to hear W. L. Thompson of Pendleton, member of the state highway commission, speak on a subject connected with good roads.

O'Neill-Berg Match Should Be Good One

The wrestling match between Jack O'Neill, the clever local man, and John Berg, the present claimant of the light heavy weight wrestling championship of the world, on March 23 should prove to be the sporting treat of the year. It is seldom local wrestling fans have an opportunity to see two such thoroughly science men in action.

Frank Mace of Union was a land office visitor today.

Style Show Is On Tonight, Local Girls To Act As Models

First Scene Will Show a Lawn Party With Young People Making Merry. Second Scene Will Be Fashion Magazine and Band Box.

"All is ready," declared Director Allen when the last drops were hung and hoisted into the loft of the Arcade stage. Nothing remains to be done until the curtain rings up shortly after seven o'clock tonight on La Grande's first style show.

The style show will be worked in two scenes. The first scene will be a lawn party with the young people making merry and incidentally displaying the wealth of beautiful garments from the La Grande stores participating. The second scene will be the famous fashion magazine and band box setting carried by Miss Vaughan which has brought forth the most enthusiastic praise wherever it has been shown.

The local models rehearsed for the last time at one o'clock this afternoon. There was not a hitch. Every girl and every young man went through his or her part like veterans.

In order to accommodate those who have signified their intention of visiting La Grande's first Style Show the doors of the theater will open at 6:45 this evening and the curtain will run up promptly at 7:20 for the first performance this evening. There will be two performances this evening, with a matinee on Tuesday and two performances Tuesday evening.

Children Found Drunk In Chicago Dance Halls

Juvenile Protective Association Is Fathering a Bill Prohibiting Sale of Liquor in Dance Halls—Police Drink and Fight Themselves.

Chicago, Mar. 12.—(United Press)—The Juvenile Protective association of Chicago is fathering a bill in the legislature, prohibiting the sale of liquor in dance halls, and providing a \$200 penalty for violation.

Charging that the majority of the dance halls are operated primarily for the sale of liquor, and in many cases are actually owned or controlled by liquor interests, the association's committee report shows that police have no conception of their duty at dance halls; many policemen are found drinking; fights are common; indecent dancing prevails after about 11 o'clock, although until they become intoxicated, the dancers are usually orderly; minors, and often, small children are permitted to become intoxicated, while parents laugh at their drunken antics.

At one dance, given by a church, as a benefit affair, many little children were found "outrageously drunk," according to Mrs. Bowen's report, and intoxicated women threatened to mob a policeman who closed a gambling device being operated there.

"Men and women become intoxicated," says the report, "and dance indecently such dances as 'Walking the Dog', 'On the Puppy's Tail', 'Shaking the Shimmy', 'The Stationary Wiggle' and 'The Dip'."

"At 205 of the 213 halls investigated, liquor was sold, and at 193 of these minors were present."