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NEW GERMAN RAIDER SINKS MANY SHIPS

AMERICAN LIVES IMPERILLED, PERHAPS LOST BY SUBMARINING

MANY WERE ON BOARD TWO BRITISH SHIPS WHICH WERE SUNK.

LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARED AS RESULT

British Freighter Crispin and British Steamer Snowden Eange Are Torpedoed Without Warning by Submarines—The Administration Is Taking Steps to Gather the Facts.

Washington, Mar. 31.—(United Press)—More Americans are imperilled and some perhaps are lost by the unwarmed torpedoing of the British freighter Crispin and British steamer Snowden Eange by submarines. Many Americans are aboard. The administration is making every effort to get the facts.

Many Arrested in Riots. Chicago, Ill., March 31.—(Special)—Twenty-seven women and three men were arrested late this afternoon in a resumption of the food riots in the ghetto district.

PLANS OF RAISING ARMY ARE NOW COMPLETED

Washington, March 31.—(United Press)—It is announced the war department has completed a definite plan for raising the army. Details are unannounced.

Big Steel Ship Launched at Portland

Portland, Ore., March 31.—(United Press)—Today was a half holiday here when Portland's first steel ship was launched at the plant of the Northwest Steel company. Thousands lining both banks of the Willamette saw the Vesterlide slide gracefully into the water. Following the launching a banquet was served. The part that Portland and the Pacific northwest with many modern shipyards would play in case of war was discussed by several of the speakers.

THE WEATHER

Portland, March 31.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: Rain and southeasterly winds.

TWO FARM SALES INVOLVE \$90,000

WARNOCKS SELL SNAKE RIVER RANCH—R. E. HESKETT DISPOSES OF PLACE

Enterprise, March 31.—(Special)—The Enterprise Chieftain says: Two recent farm sales in the county involves an aggregate consideration of about \$90,000. Charles W. Warnock and his father, D. W. Warnock, sold their Snake River cattle ranch and stock on it to Geo. W. Tucker for \$60,000. R. E. Heskett disposed of his fine Leap ranch to D. H. Erwin of Waitsburg, for about \$30,000.

The Warnock sale included 480 acres of land on Snake river, 725 head of cattle, 20 horses, and the complete outfit of farm implements and tools. There are good living accommodations on the place and Mr. Tucker will move there and, with the assistance of his son, Grant Tucker, and his son-in-law, Oakley Burrows, will run the place. The cattle were priced, in the sale, at \$60 a head. A. W. Schuapp of Joseph handled the negotiations. D. W. Warnock still has his Crow Creek ranch, which he has for sale. Charles Warnock, although still a young man, has "made a stake" already in cattle, and retires from the Snake river ranch in very com-

Business Men to Make Excursion To Elgin

La Grande business men will pay a fraternal visit to Elgin and the neighboring towns Monday when the new motor car service is inaugurated. The excursion will leave Monday at 11 a. m. and return in the afternoon. La Grande business men aided the Elgin people to get the improved service and are anxious that the operation of the car shall be a success. The car will hold 65 persons. T. H. Keeney is in charge of the arrangements.

Governor Grants An Extradition Warrant

Salem, March 31.—(United Press)—The governor granted extradition papers for Lawrence Walker, arrested at Astoria on a Washington warrant, charged with gambling and bootlegging. Walker claimed gambling was not an extraditable offense.

Major Abrams Promoted. Portland, March 31.—(Special)—Major Carl Abrams, in command of the Third battalion, Third Oregon infantry, was yesterday promoted to be lieutenant-colonel of the regiment. This position was formerly held by Colonel John May, who was recently elected head of the regiment. Since his election it has been vacant.

Will Hold Conference at Salem. Salem, March 31.—(Special)—The 23d annual session of the Oregon conference of the United Evangelical church will be held in Salem April 5-8. The president of the conference is W. H. Fouke, of Naperville, Ill. He will be here and take an active part in the work. The Rev. G. L. Lovell, pastor of the United Evangelical church of Salem, is secretary of the conference; Rev. C. P. Gates, of Dayton, is statistical secretary, and Rev. S. S. Mumey, of Salem, as treasurer.

DIE DOG DAY FOR HOBO BOW WOWS

Baylor, Mont., March 31.—(United Press)—Die Dog Day was celebrated here today. The entire village took this Saturday afternoon off, and executed the death penalty pronounced on hobo dogs. Numerical superiority of canines formed a menace to peace.

Joseph Debaters Beat The Dalles

Joseph, March 31.—(Special)—The negative team won the debate last night defeating The Dalles strong team. The next debate will be held at Eugene, March 11, when the Joseph team will meet the western Oregon winners in the semi-finals of the state championship. Guy Davis was the leader of the Joseph team and Arthur S. Rudd his colleague.

fortable circumstances.

Mr. Tucker also has been a highly successful farmer in the county, and three years ago erected on Prairie Creek one of the handiest country houses here. He sold out last year to Elben F. Dotson who is farming the place.

Mr. Heskett sold his home place of 640 acres, including stock of all kinds, implements and outfit complete, including automobile. On this farm Mr. Heskett has made a comfortable fortune, thanks to fertile soil, thrift and good judgment. He has not decided what he will do or where he will go, although he has said he is inclined to remain in this county, where he has lived for many years.

The new purchaser is a practical farmer and a man of ample means, and his family will be a most desirable addition. His son is here and will run the place.

GERMANY MAY RECOGNIZE A STATE OF WAR

FOREIGN SECRETARY ZIMMERMANN'S SPEECH SUBJECT TO THAT INTERPRETATION.

"PRACTICALLY DECLARED WAR ON US," HE SAYS

State Department Points Out That Ambassador Von Bernstorff Knew by the Middle of January That Break Was Certain If Submarine Campaign Was Continued.

Washington, March 31.—(United Press)—Germany may have recognized that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, according to an interpretation the state department has placed on Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's speech. Zimmermann said: "The United States cannot deny us the right to seek allies when it practically declared war on us."

The state department pointed out that Ambassador von Bernstorff knew the break was certain in the middle of January because of the submarine campaign.

The President is expected to use Zimmermann's remark in his war message.

DEMOCRATS TO CONTROL HOUSE

Washington, March 31.—(United Press)—Democratic control of the house is practically assured. Representative Henry Helgeson, a Republican of North Dakota, was stricken with appendicitis and rushed to Garfield hospital. The number of Republicans was thus cut to two hundred and twelve. The Democrats have two and fourteen.

Frank White Pleads Guilty. Salem, March 31.—(United Press)—Frank White, convict, charged with an attack with intent to kill pleaded guilty. He was sentenced three years in the penitentiary to be served after the present sentence.

WORK ON 2ND. STREET BRIDGE IS UNDER WAY

CONTRACT IS LET TO MOORE BROS. ASSISTANT ENGINEER TAYLOR TO SUPERVISE.

Work on the Second street viaduct started yesterday.

The first step toward actual construction was the beginning of excavation on the piers.

The contract has been let to Moore Bros., of Portland.

Assistant O. W. R. & N. Engineer W. C. Taylor will supervise the construction. J. M. Baker will have charge of the office work under Mr. Taylor and is installed in Room 39, Foley building.

Defense Council Is Provided.

State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif., March 31.—(Special)—Governor William D. Stephens signed the state council of defense bill calling for the organization of a body of state and army officials and others to canvass the military situation of the state and suggest specific measures of preparedness.

The bill calls for an appropriation of \$100,000 to cover the initial expenses of the council.

MEXICO NOW IS WATCHED BY UNCLE SAM

NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, MORE THAN GERMANY, ENGAGES OUR ATTENTION.

CARRANZA HAS NOT DISCLAIMED ENMITY

Mexican Chief Has Not Denied Contemplated Alliance With Germany—If Hostilities Begin, Germany's Allies Will Also Have To Be Reckoned With.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER
Washington, March 31.—(United Press)—As the entrance of the United States in the world war nears, Mexico even more than Germany is engaging the attention of the government.

Carranza never disclaimed interest in Germany's contemplated alliance with Mexico. Germany will renew the attempt to make an ally of Mexico against the United States.

No expectation is held that Germany will adopt a defensive attitude toward the United States.

It is assumed if hostilities begin that it will be impossible for America to maintain friendly relations with Germany's allies, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria.

Referendum To Be Invoked On Measures

Salem, March 31.—(United Press)—Petitions invoking the referendum on the sterilization measure were approved as to form. The referendum is to be invoked on the measure reducing the terms of school directors in districts of the first class from five to three years.

Insurance Referendum.

Salem, March 31.—(Special)—Secretary Olcott today approved the form for the circulation of petition for signatures to have section 22-D of the insurance code, which relates to ratings, submitted to the voters at the special election in June.

ELGIN PEOPLE TO TAKE TRIP ON MOTOR CAR

GROUP OF BUSINESS MEN WILL MAKE THE FIRST TRIP ON MONDAY.

Elgin, Ore., March 31.—(Special)—Through C. I. Hazen, local agent for the O. W. R. & N. Co., and others, the business men of Elgin are being requested to make the initial trip on the new motor car to La Grande next Monday, not only to get a first hand view of the new car but to show a spirit of loyalty to those who are providing the new service and to show that we are alive, says the Elgin Recorder.

Elgin residents were liberal signers on the original petition asking the company to install the service and at a recent meeting the Community Club passed a resolution favoring the service, so it is up to Elgin to show the proper loyalty.

While no definite time has been set Agent Hazen believes the first trip will be the proper one to make, leaving here at 7:30 and returning at 12:45, or if pressed for time, return on the regular passenger at 10:15.

Traveling Passenger Agent Hicks will be here to make the initial trip and other officials are expected to be present.

ELEVEN SHIPS ARE DESTROYED, MANY DROWNED IN SINKING

Mayor Hi Gill and Policemen Not Guilty

Seattle, March 31.—(United Press)—Mayor Gill, Chief Beckingham and Detectives Pollman, Doom, McLennan, and Peyser were found not guilty on a charge of conspiring to import liquor into dry territory. The jury was out 13 hours. When the verdict was read the defense lawyers wept. Gill was at first motionless and then broke down.

Pendleton Rector Dies Suddenly

Pendleton, March 31.—(Special)—Sudden death came to the Rev. Charles Quinney, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The news was totally unexpected and has caused a great shock to his many local friends and parishioners. Though he has been ill and suffering from a general breakdown Mr. Quinney's condition was not known to be serious and a physician was not called until noon yesterday, an hour before his death. A native of England, 69 years of age, Rev. Quinney had lived an eventful life as an Episcopal missionary and rector. For seven years he served among the Indians of Saskatchewan, Canada. He came to Pendleton from Miles City, Mont., 10 years ago in June and since that time served continuously as head of the local church. He recently resigned his pulpit, the resignation to take effect May 31, and his successor has not yet been selected.

The funeral will be Monday at 3 p. m.

Report Not Confirmed.

The report of a German submarine base and 18 divers discovered and seized off Hayti coast has not been confirmed or denied by the navy department.

Motor Service To Elgin Starts Monday

Motor car service will be installed between Elgin and La Grande Monday April 2. Schedule, which is generally satisfactory to all has been adopted and includes two round trips daily, except Sunday. Sunday service is now under advisement at the hands of O. W. officials and will be adopted later if conditions justify.

Traveling Passenger Agent Hicks has been on the line the past week arranging the schedule and was in Elgin Tuesday conferring with local agent C. I. Hazen and others. The schedule provides for the motor to lay over night in Elgin, leaving for La Grande and way points on the first trip at 7:30 a. m., arriving at La Grande at 8:35 a. m. Returning, the motor leaves La Grande at 11:40 a. m., reaching Elgin at 12:45 p. m. On the second trip the motor will leave Elgin at 1:10 p. m., arriving at La Grande at 2:15 p. m. Returning, departs from La Grande at 4:20 p. m., arrives at Elgin at 5:25 p. m.

Pacifists Plan To Support The War

COMMITTEE OF WAR FINANCE SUGGESTED TO PLACE BURDEN ON THE RICH

New York, March 31.—(United Press)—The strongest pacifists have turned suddenly toward war. It is planned to have an American committee of war finance, headed by Pinchot. It is planned to place the entire financial burden of the war on those with over five thousand dollar annual income.

SURVIVORS ARE BROUGHT TO RIO DE JANEIRO AND TELL A REMARKABLE STORY.

SHIP IS HEAVILY ARMED, FLIES NORWEGIAN FLAG

Leaving Germany Dec. 22, She Cruises Off Trinidad—Custom Is to Sail Victim Under False Colors, Then Suddenly Unfurl the German Flag and Open Fire—Survivors Are Then Imprisoned and Crew Sunk.

Rio De Janeiro, March 31.—(United Press)—Two hundred and sixty-five men and two women, the survivors of eleven steamships and sailing vessels sunk in the Atlantic, were brought into port today with another amazing German raider story.

The new raider according their story is a wind-jammer, with auxiliary engines. She flies the Norwegian flag and is heavily armed. Survivors declared many aboard the eleven ships destroyed were drowned or lost in the sinking of the vessels.

The raider is named "Sea Adder." Count Luckner is the commander. She left Germany December 22d. Most of the victims were sunk near Trinidad according to the survivors. The present whereabouts of the Sea Adder is unknown.

Members of the German crew told the survivors that submarines escorted the Sea Adder from Germany to Iceland. She carried eighteen months' supply of oil, munitions and other supplies.

In most cases the Sea Adder flew the Norwegian flag and signalled the prospective victim she desired to speak to them.

When the unsuspecting victim stopped with the Sea Adder in perfect range, the German ensign was unfurled and fire opened. As soon as the overhauled vessel surrendered, the Germans imprisoned the passengers and crew. Then they sank the vessel.

BRITISH SWEEP FORWARD OVER 7-MILE FRONT

Important German Base at St. Quentin Is Menaced—Five Cities Are Captured.

BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS
With the British Army in France, March 31.—(United Press)—The British swept forward a mile over a seven-mile front in the Hindicourt region, seriously menacing the important German base at St. Quentin. Five cities, Hendicourt St. Emili, Vermand, Marteville, Soyecourt were captured.