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Abooso Steaming Three Hundred Miles South of Fastnet At Nine O'clock on the Night of April Twenty-Fourth Saw Lights Ahead and Was Immediately Struck by a Torpedo—The Submarine Was Unhindered—Abooso Was Armed and Fitted With Wireless—Survivors Rescued By Admiralty Patrol.

New York, May 15.—(United Press)—Forty-six passengers, forty-four members of the crew were lost April twenty-fourth when the British liner Abooso was submarined, unharmed, off Fastnet.

The Abooso was unable to stop her engines after the torpedo struck the hull and smashed three lifeboats that were cruising near, drowning those on board. According to the story here the Abooso was steaming three hundred miles south of Fastnet on the night of April twenty-fourth. At nine o'clock the lookout saw lights ahead and immediately afterward the torpedo struck. The submarine was unhindered. The Abooso was armed and fitted with wireless. The admiralty patrol rescued the survivors and landed them at Liverpool.

NETHERLANDS HARD HIT BY ITS POSITION

GERMANY'S SUBMARINE POLICY
AND ENGLAND'S BLOCKADE
HOLDS HOLLAND IN
IRON GRASP.

BY J. W. PEGLER.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, April 18.—(By Mail)—If ever a feller needed a friend, the Netherlands needs one today.

Forced into the position of referee in a battle of hairy-chested international heavies, the bantam Dutch nation is being clouted from both sides, without the ghost of a chance to hit back.

Germany's submarine blockade put the issue right up to the Dutch Government just as it was put up to President Wilson. But, owing to military considerations, as well as trade interests and the geographical disadvantages, Holland was unable to do more than mumble an inoffensive protest.

The Dutchman thought Germany didn't really mean it, so he took a chance with seven ships. Every one was torpedoed, only two being saved. Convinced that Germany was not kidding, Holland suspended sailings in the war zone.

And that isn't all. London newspapers have discovered a leak in the British food-proof blockade around Germany. They claim that the British blockade permits Holland to import too much grain which eventually makes meat and dairy products for German consumption.

If the imports are curtailed Holland will have to sell her surplus cattle either on the hoof or as beef, and the belligerents are sure to squabble over the division. After that is done Germany, judging from past performances, probably will reduce her coal exports to Holland.

There's just another little thing to make Holland's situation more difficult.

When the Dutch port authorities shoed away a British armed merchantman, compelling the vessel to dump its gun overboard before allowing it to enter port, the entente took it as a direct affront to their cause. (Deleted by the British Censor.)

The British insist that they will make all reasonable concessions to help Holland keep out of the war. They sympathize with their little wooden-shoed neighbor whose good intentions are always going wrong.

The troubles of Holland have been many and complex ever since the war began but recent issues are taxing Dutch diplomatic resources to the utmost. Military experts of both sides seem to agree that Holland would get the worst of it on either side of the fight.

If they keep on holding "charivaries" I'll learn how to spell that short and ugly word.

President Wants Action From Congress

DILATORY METHODS OF MEMBERS DISPLEASE THE EXECUTIVE—EXTRANEOUS MATTERS INTRODUCED.

Washington, May 15.—(United Press)—The President has decided to apply the whip to Congress. It is reported that the President is tired of Congress' dilatory lagging during the last six weeks. He is particularly displeased with the injection of wholly extraneous matters into various pieces of war legislation. A series of conferences with leaders of both houses and both parties are planned, the President attending.

WAR HAS ITS HUMOROUS SIDE SAYS WARNER

CAPTAIN WHO SAW SERVICE AT
FRONT TALKS TO LA GRANDE
BUSINESS MEN.

War has its humorous sides as well as its serious side, and it takes a jolly Irishman and soldier of fortune like Captain Warner to tell of the humorous side.

He addressed the business men's luncheon today and told of many incidents that occurred on the great European battle front.

An American who had enlisted and was being instructed by Captain Warner in trench warfare was bragging about how he wouldn't run under fire.

They went to the front. A German shell came whistling along and Captain Warner ran for cover. Just as he got located something jumped on top of him. It was the American.

"I thought you wouldn't run," said Captain Warner.

"I wouldn't," answered the American, "but my legs didn't want to see my body get hurt."

Captain Warner saw a man in the hospital terribly crippled up.

He said to the man, "Well, you certainly got yours. How did it happen?" "W-w-w-ell, T-his is th-the w-w-way." The man stuttered. He said that he had been ordered to load a hand grenade that exploded in five seconds.

"The c-c-captain told me to load i-i-i-t and then count t-t-two." It exploded before the stutterer had finished counting two. "A stutterer shouldn't handle hand grenades," said the captain.

"The war is a big thing," said the captain, "and it is a big job to beat the Germans, but it will be done and the entrance of the Americans into the arena will do much to improve the morale of the Allies and depress the spirit of the Germans." Captain Warner has been in five or six wars and has had about all of the war he wants, but he says that if necessary he will enlist if Uncle Sam wants him to go.

H. E. Dixon was chairman of the day. The luncheon was held at the Sommer hotel. Those present were:

H. E. Dixon, T. E. Warner, Charles A. Edwards, Roy B. Currey, R. F. Murphy, J. G. King, H. S. Brownton, E. D. Silder, G. C. Opkins, J. W. Knowles, A. W. Nelson, Loyd C. Scriber, Fred J. Holmes, W. B. Sargent, C. C. Penington, E. E. Bragg, G. M. Richey, C. N. Palmer, W. S. Parker, B. F. Wyde, S. D. Crowe, J. D. Slater, L. McCullough, F. E. Oxner, C. B. Miller, J. F. Okey, Dr. W. D. McMillan, S. M. Roberts, E. P. Mossman, Rhea Luper, Chas. H. Reynolds, Clarke Leiter, J. G. Snodgrass, T. H. Crawford, R. S. Eakin, F. L. Meyers, O. L. Wall, T. J. Scroggin, W. R. Kivette, Wm. Miller.

Enterprise School Bids.

Enterprise, May 15.—(Special)—Bids were opened and contracts let for Enterprise's fine new \$60,000 school building. The winners were: General contracting, John Almeter, Portland, \$2596; Heating, Appling, Griggs Co., Portland, \$6380.

The Weather.—Portland, May 15.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Cloudy and westerly winds."

To teach rifle shooting a Japanese has invented a cross bow with rifle stock, trigger and sights.

COUNTY BRIDGE AT ISLAND CITY FALLS IN RIVER

UNUSUAL RISE OF GRANDE
RONDE RIVER WEAKENS
ITS FOUNDATIONS.

BRIDGE ONE OF THE
OLDEST IN THE COUNTY

Constructed in 1900 It Was at One Time the Only Steel Bridge in the County—Fast Development of the Country Had Made It Out of Date and a New One Would Soon Have Been Needed.

About 6 o'clock last evening the Island City bridge was washed out by the unusual rise of the Grande Ronde river. The bridge was one of the main thoroughfares of the valley and is a great loss to the community.

This bridge is one of the oldest in the county, it being constructed in 1900 and at that time was the only steel bridge in the valley. It was built by Buller Bridge company, a pioneer company of Portland. A number of times during the spring rise of the river the bridge has been threatened, chiefly due to the changeable channel of the river. It was 16 feet wide and was considered ample to take care of all kinds of traffic at the time built, but since that time the fast development of the country has brought the necessity of a double track bridge that is capable of carrying any type of traffic or heavy machinery that might be used in the valley at present time.

Structure Out of Date.

The bridge means a considerable loss as the structure was good of its kind but as a matter of fact it was out of date for the Island City road is one of the main thoroughfares in the valley. Should the proposed road bond bill carry, the post road provided for in the bill will then be built into Wallawa county. It is very likely that the post road would be built out of La Grande through Island City thence to Elgin and on to Minam. The plan of the road, and bridges used on road are constructed by the state and government would no doubt have called for different types of bridges. And in this case it would probably have been necessary for the county to use this structure in some more remote section of the country. The uncertainty of the bridge in time of high water is due to the changeable river channel. The bridge has washed down and is chained on the north side to prevent it from washing into the railroad bridge. It seems possible that the cause of the sinking of the pier was due to the scouring of the current which has undermined the pier.

Rock Dumped at R. R. Bridge.

At Island City the O.-W. R. & N. Co. spent thousands of dollars constructing the new railroad bridge, the work being done under supervision of railroad engineers and builders. For the past several days carloads of rock have been dumped around the piers to keep this bridge from going into the river and since the county bridge has gone down the O.-W. has a large crew of men dumping rock at the south end of the bridge in order to keep that from the danger of being undermined by the strong current of the river. It doesn't seem that this loss could have been avoided. A few minutes before the bridge went down according to eye witnesses, a car driven by a lady and with several small children in the rear seat, drove up and regardless of those who undertook to keep her from crossing barely got the hind wheels of her car over the main part when the pier which she had just passed over sank several inches.

The water is now running strong between the south pier and the railroad track, having cut nearly a 20-foot swath in the road and gravel.

The railroad crew is now protecting this by dumping heavy stones into the edge of the river.

Steel Nets Are Abandoned By U.S.

Washington, May 15.—(United Press)—The United States abandoned the use of steel nets on warships as a means of combatting submarines. Senator Lodge declared that experiments with nets led the United States, England, France and probably the Germans to stop use of nets. Swanson said that the government is working to increase the effectiveness of the torpedo against the enemy and developing defense against it.

Paper coffins are a French invention, cheapness and lightness being their chief advantages.

WORKMEN AND SOLDIERS SEE RUSSIA'S PERIL

COMMITTEES OF BOTH SOLDIERS
AND WORKMEN RECONSIDER
PROPOSAL REJECTED BY
THEM LAST WEEK.

REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE
TONIGHT ON COALITION

Provisional Ministry Meets Tonight to Discuss Coalition in Order to Save Russia From Disintegration—Foreign Minister Milinkoff Sent to Leningrad to Plead With Soldiers to Show United Front.

Petrograd, May 15.—(United Press)—The executive committee of soldiers and the workmen's council are beginning to see the peril in the present situation.

The committee reconsidered the vote of last week when the coalition government proposal was rejected. Ten thousand representatives soldiers and workmen, will vote tonight on the coalition. The provisional ministry meets tonight to discuss coalition in order to save Russia from disintegration.

Foreign Minister Miliukoff has been sent to the battlefield to plead with the soldiers to show the enemy a united front and demand a responsible, united government at home.

SOLDIERS' AND WORKMEN'S
COUNCIL ISSUES APPEAL

Petrograd, May 15.—(United Press)—The soldiers' and workmen's council was powerfully appealed to by the Russian soldiers not to be blinded to the fact that Germany is seeking the destruction of free Russia. The Council called for a revolution of workmen and peasants in Germany.

It voiced the demand for renunciation by the Allies of any policy of conquest. "Soldiers and comrades," the proclamation reads. "We speak the name of Russian revolutionary democracy. Don't forget the Kaiser's regiment. Destroying revolutionary Russia would be an irreparable catastrophe for us, the working classes of the entire world. We therefore demand that revolutionary Russia be aided with all your power. Separate peace is impossible and must not be allowed to interfere and embarrass world's events."

Brazil Meat Prices Remain At Normal

BY G. M. ROBERTSON.
(United Press Correspondent.)

Rio De Janeiro, April 15.—(By Mail)—Brazil's meat market has not yet been stamped by the high cost of living—doubtless because there are about twice as many cattle in the country as people. The last bovine census placed the figure at 50,000,000 head.

Despite the advice of health authorities who prescribe a light meat diet during hot weather, Brazilians eat approximately their own weight in flesh, fish and fowl annually. And hot weather is Brazil's eternal portion.

To feed the aggregate stomach of Rio de Janeiro during 1916 it required 105,000,000 pounds of beef, 2,500,000 pounds of veal, 5,700,000 pounds of pork and 400,000 pounds of mutton, to say nothing of a daily portion of about sixty tons of fish, and equal weight of dried beef, 30,000 pounds of poultry and a liberal amount of goat flesh and wild game.

Brazilians probably are great meat eaters because, relatively, meat is the cheapest thing to eat. Prices fluctuated in 1916 between 7 and 13 cents a pound for beef, 7 and 15 cents for veal and 15 and 23 cents for pork.

Fulton Has Chance To Redeem Himself

BY H. C. HAMILTON.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

New York, May 15.—Fred Fulton is taking a short cut to permanent retirement from the pugilistic spotlight, or else he has found the short way back to popular favor with the fight fans.

Fulton wants to meet Sam Langford!

When Fred delivered the foul blow that lost him prestige in New York and sent him back to Minnesota he brought down on his head the scorn of all the New York fans. They have not yet stopped talking about it.

Fulton seems to be the ideal man

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GERMANS BEGIN OFFENSIVE AGAINST FRENCH AND BRITISH

White Star Liner Is
Misses Only Ten Feet

New York, May 15.—(United Press)—A submarine unsuccessfully attempted to sink the White Star Liner Baltic. The torpedo missed the liner by ten feet according to travelers arriving here.

COMMAND OF FRENCH ARMY IS CHANGED

GENERAL PETAIN GIVEN SUPREME
COMMAND OF THE
FRENCH TROOPS IN
THE FIELD

Paris, May 15.—(United Press)—General Petain was named generalissimo of the French armies with supreme command of the forces in the field.

General Foch, hero of Marne, was appointed to succeed General Petain as chief of staff. General Nivelle, former commander of field forces was given command of certain army groups.

Sweeping changes among French commanders were decided on at the session council of ministers.

MILITARY FETE TO BE STAGED IN CITY SUNDAY

COMPANY M AND ELKS' COMBINE
FORCES IN ORDER TO
GIVE CITIZENS A MILITARY
TREAT OF VALUE

In a day when military affairs usurp public attention there comes an announcement that La Grande is to be treated to an afternoon of military maneuvers and sport. The date is set for next Sunday and local Elks and Captain Neer, commandant at the Fair Grounds barracks, have drafted a program that should appeal to every citizen of Union county, and doubtless will.

Few citizens of this interior county usually void of military coloring have ever witnessed military drill, but here an opportunity will be afforded to see not only company drill but a splendid variety, including the most solemn and spectacular ceremony in infantry drill regulations, namely that of guard mount. The Elks' band will participate in the guard mount and give brief concerts during the afternoon. The pageant will be staged in the fair grounds in front of the grand stand.

Company drill including school of the soldier, squad and company, silent drill, which embraces extended order formation by which soldiers go into battle, and numerous other maneuvers and evolutions will be added to the guard mount ceremony.

Captain Neer has consented to put his men through a frontal attack, staging the charge so that everyone may witness it.

But the afternoon is not to be solely given over to military maneuvers and music. Company M has a good baseball team, although its power is somewhat impaired by some of its members being on outpost duty. These army tossers will be faced by a home guard and the ball game will be interwoven with the afternoon's entertainment.

The Elks' band and the Company M fund will be the beneficiaries of the afternoon. A small fee, namely 25 cents admission to the grounds, and 10 cents admission to the grand stand, will be charged to citizen, and the Elks' band and the company will share equally in the proceeds. Aside from the fact that the program will have merit and be of exceptional quality and timely interest, the proceeds will be used for a splendid purpose.

As this will be a military maneuver day of such proportions as La Grande

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GENERAL ATTACK ALONG
FRONT IS CONSIDERED BE-
GINNING OF A GENERAL
COUNTER OFFENSIVE.

FRENCH COMPELLED TO
RELINQUISH SOME GROUND

General Haig Reports a Tremendous Bombardment Along the Hindenberg Line—Also Admits British Were Compelled to Give Up Small Holdings, North of Bullecourt—French Report Violent Bombardment.

London, May 15.—(United Press)—Germany launched concerted counter attacks on both the French and British fronts. This movement is probably a general counter offensive. Most attacks were repulsed, but both British and French were compelled to relinquish insignificant bits of ground.

General Haig reported a tremendous German bombardment against positions recently gained on the Hindenberg line, particularly Bullecourt. The fighting was very heavy. General Haig admitted that the British were compelled to retreat a short distance in the northern part of Bullecourt.

The French officially reported violent German bombardment against recently captured positions. Assaults were repulsed except in one spot.

Famous General Resigns

Petrograd, May 15.—(United Press)—General Brusiloff and General Gorko tendered their resignations, but as yet they haven't been accepted.

General Brusiloff is considered the most notable of all Russian Generals. He commanded Russia's most successful offensive. His resignation is considered exceedingly serious.

Exchanges May Stop Trading In Futures

REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN
AND CANADIAN EX-
CHANGES AGREE ON
ACTION.

Chicago, May 15.—(United Press)—Representatives of nine American and Canadian grain exchanges decided to recommend to their respective boards that maximum prices recently set in all wheat futures be continued "until further notice" and that all trading be restricted to liquidation of existing contracts.

The Wheat Market.
Chicago, May 15.—(Special)—July—Open \$2.55, high \$2.55, low \$2.40, close \$2.42. Sept.—Open \$2.26, high \$2.26, low \$2.15, close \$2.21. Portland club, \$2.85. Bluestem \$2.85. Club—Open \$2.85. Bluestem \$2.85.

London Strike Not Settled.
London, May 15.—(United Press)—The settlement of the engineers' strike predicted for today failed to materialize, the strikers refusing to resume work in the munitions district, despite government appeals.

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