

## Gigantic Steamer Leviathan Carries Troops Abroad

Thousands of American Soldiers are Landed Safely In France---Voyage Uneventful-No Submarines Sighted-Fifteen German-Seized Vessels Also Carry Troops Abroad.

(United Press.) A CITY, IN FRANCE, Jan. 30.—The gigantic steamer, Leviathan, formerly the German Vaterland, has arrived in a European port, carrying thousands of American soldiers. The voyage was uneventful. No submarines were sighted. It is permitted also to announce fifteen other seized German vessels have arrived in Europe safely, bringing thousands of troops and thousands of tons of supplies. All were in commission ten months sooner than the former German crews believed the damages they had inflicted, could be repaired. Half a million tons of former enemy shipping are now active.

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND BENEFIT TONIGHT

Tonight in the Neighborhood Club rooms in the library promptly at 8:15, the following program will be given for the scholarship loan fund benefit: Piano selections, "The Spinner" (Haff), and "The Prelude" (Schutt), by Miss Hilda Anthony; reading, "Brothers of Angels," (Tarkington), Mrs. Lester Murphy; vocal solos, "One Fine Day" (Pucini), and "The Wind's in the South" (John Trindie Scott); by Mrs. A. L. Richardson; farce, "The Proposal" (Anton Chekoff), Stepan Stepanovitch Chubukov, a prosperous land owner, Mrs. H. A. Zurbrik; Natalya Stepanovna, his daughter, Mrs. Lynne Bohnenkamp; Ivan Vassilvitch Lomov, a wealthy neighbor, Mrs. Carl Evans. Social hour—tea will be served. The public is invited.

## CREST OF FLOOD DOES MILLIONS OF DAMAGE

FLOODS SWEEP PARTS OF OHIO, KENTUCKY, INDIANA AND ILLINOIS

## WEST VIRGINIA AND PENNSYLVANIA ALSO VISITED

Tennessee's Loss in Riverboats Alone Is Two Million—Three Deaths Are Reported in West Virginia.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 30.—The crest of the flood, breaking the ice and destroying river property, has arrived.

Ice floes are tearing steamboats, launches and barges from their moorings, some going to the bottom and others being carried on down the stream.

The property loss is over ten million dollars, it is estimated, as the result of floods sweeping parts of Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Tennessee's loss in riverboats alone is two million dollars while many bridges have gone out. Three deaths are reported in West Virginia.

Fort Rock—During last quarter of 1917 permits were issued to irrigate 690 acres from Ana River and 155 acres from Thomas Creek. Cost \$5,000.

Roseburg—Contract let for one new Pacific Highway bridge across South Umpqua river.

Klamath Falls—Six cottages will be erected here immediately to supply demands.

## Three Killed In London Air Raid

LONDON, Jan. 30.—In an air raid last night there were three killed and ten injured. The invaders were repelled before penetrating the city's defenses.

## God Bless Our Boys In France

God bless our boys in France, And just give them a chance To show their might. They stand for all that's right, They'll fight a winning fight, Keep them beneath your glance, Our boys in France.

We sent the best we had, Each one a noble lad, Some mother's pride. We place them in your care; Protect them over there, Bring them safe home again, Our boys in France. By MAY G. KING.

This may be sung to the tune of "America" and is dedicated to the La Grande Hospital Unit.

## Our Great American Home



## ITALIANS CLAIM A BIG VICTORY

CLAIM TO HAVE ANNIHILATED TWO ENEMY DIVISIONS NEAR COLDELOSSO

## GUNS, HUNDRED OFFICERS AND 2500 MEN TAKEN

The Italian Forces Now Hold Colde Rosso and Monte Di Valbella, Forcing Teutons to Retreat.

ROME, Jan. 30.—Two enemy divisions were annihilated around Colde Rosso, Near Rosobella, the Italians took a number of guns, one hundred officers and twenty-five hundred prisoners.

The Italians now hold Colde Rosso and Monte Di Valbella, forcing the Teutons to retire.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS MAKE RECORD TRIP

PENDLETON WAS BEATEN LAST NIGHT BY A SCORE OF 28 TO 14

The members of the La Grande High School basketball team returned today noon from the longest and most successful trip ever taken by any school team in the state. The trip was successful in every detail as a good time was enjoyed by the boys and every game counting towards the championship of the state was won by a decisive score.

The first game was played on Tuesday, January 22, with the Franklin High School of Portland and although a late train did not put the local boys in that city until 3 p. m., they registered a 23 to 11 win over the Portland team, even though handicapped by the long train ride and playing on a strange floor.

The second game was played in Corvallis with the high school, where the blue and white was again victorious, winning 25 to 19. During their stay in Corvallis the La Grande boys were guests of the O. A. C. fraternities and also were in Eugene where a game was played the U. of O. freshmen. The three games in a row and the long travel proved too much of a handicap to the locals and the U. of O.

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## BERLIN ORDERED THE SINKING OF THE LUSITANIA

## High School to be Presented With Flag

The presentation of the service flag of the high school will take place in the auditorium at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, February 1. All friends and relatives of the enlisted men of the high school are invited and requested to be present. It will have one star for every high school boy who has joined the colors. The following program has been arranged: "Song: 'Over There,' Boys' Glee Club. Reading by Imogene Orton. Solo by Marguerite Winters, accompanied on violin by Florence Lynch. Speech by Prof. McNeil. Duet by Gladys Black and Jeanette Stoddard. Reading by Miss Williamson. Solo by Mrs. Seroggin, accompanied by high school orchestra. "America," by entire audience.

## BRITISH AND CANADIANS TO BE DRAFTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Great Britain agreed the United States may draft their subjects here into the army, Secretary Lansing announced to the Senate. He said Britishers and Canadians would be given a specified time to return to their own country for enlistment and afterward would be subject to American draft.

## Baker Ministers Favor A "Funeralless" Sunday

BAKER, Jan. 29.—In line with the other "less" days, Baker ministers advocate the "funeralless Sunday." The matter has been discussed at several sessions of the Ministerial Association, and the public may be asked to have funerals on days other than the Sabbath. This will release florists, undertakers and pastors from working Sunday, and leave all people more free to go to church, say the ministers, who declare the plan has been a success in Eastern cities where tried out.

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## CIPHER CODE REVEALS DUPLICITY—WARNING GIVEN TO TRAVELERS EXPLAIN

## JOHN R. RATHOM PROVES GERMANY'S CRIME

World Almanac Was Used as Code Book—German Embassy Received Orders to Print Advertisements Warning Public.

(By United Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The cipher message which proved that Berlin directed the sinking of the Lusitania is made public for the first time in the World's Work magazine, published today. John R. Rathom, editor of the Providence Journal, which exposed numerous German plots in this country during the last three years, in an article giving in detail the methods he used to unearth the work of the German agents, quotes this message from his files, and explains how it was decoded. The message, in cipher, reads as follows: From—Berlin Foreign Office. To Botschaft, Washington. 689 (44-W)—Welt nineteen-fifteen warne 175 29 1 stop 175 1 2 stop dorch 622 2 4 stop 19 7 18 stop LIX II 3 4 5 6.

This cipher message came through from Nauen, Germany, to Sayville, Long Island, at 2 o'clock on the morning of April 29, 1915, and was caught by the operator at a wireless station maintained by the Providence Journal. It was especially interesting because it followed none of the codes which they had previously observed. It was evidently important, because four attempts were made to put it through before the German station succeeded in overcoming the unfavorable static conditions which prevailed that morning. Every attempt to decipher it failed, until somebody with a line on the internal activities remembered that during that morning Prince Hatzfeldt of the embassy staff had been looking for a New York World Almanac. The first two words of the message "Welt (German for 'world') 1915," supplied the clue. Following the other numbers in the message as representing page, line, and word in the World Almanac for 1915, the Journal men decoded the message as follows: "Warn Lusitania passenger (s) through press not voyage across the Atlantic." Two days later the German embassy printed the now historic advertisement in the New York papers warning travelers not to cross the Atlantic, and a week later, on May 7, the Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine.

A dramatic touch of suggestion of the word not in it is taken from the first sentence of an obituary of the late Joseph Pulitzer, former owner of the World, which publishes the Al-

## THRIFT STAMPS TO BE SOLD IN UNION COUNTY

ORGANIZATION TO SPREAD THE DOCTRINES OF THRIFT AND SAVING IS FORMED

One of the most comprehensive and far-reaching organizations yet devised as an adjunct to the Great War is the machinery now set in motion to stimulate the sale of thrift stamps. Oregon is being east and molded into a compact organization that has a miniature of the state association in each county, and each district in the county is but a continuation of the parent organization. Yesterday afternoon C. N. Wonnacott met the Union county committee and laid before them the minute de-

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## Berlin's Strike Is Reported Growing Fast

Movement Is Spreading to Provincial Towns—Danzig and Hamburg Are Affected—Workmen's Council of Five Hundred Formed in Berlin

## ACTION COMMISSION OF TEN MEN AND WOMEN FORMED—MANY RUMORS AFLOAT

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—The newspaper Vorwaerts says half a million strikers were out in Berlin Monday. Five airplane factories have closed. A railway strike is likely, disorders are frequent. It is reported some Krupp workers are striking and that the entire war industry is paralyzed. Hamburg ship workers have quit. Kiel munition workers quit Sunday.

## COPENHAGEN, Jan. 30.—Late Berlin dispatches say Berlin's strike is growing hourly.

The movement is spreading to provincial towns. Danzig and Hamburg are affected.

The workmen's council of five hundred formed in Berlin is to be represented by an "action commission of ten men and women."

Rumors have been circulated that German soldiers on the east front shot some officers; also that disturbances occurred among members of the fleet at Kiel. This is unconfirmed.

All Socialist classes joined the council. Scheideman and Dr. Haase, the leader of the independent Socialists, and two workmen, told the Under-Secretary of the Interior von Wallroff, of the formation of the workmen's council and demanded negotiations relative to the strike be held in the presence of the workmen. Wallroff prohibited labor meetings and announced he will not negotiate with the strikers but would receive a delegation of Socialist members of the Reichstag.

One dispatch says seventy-five thousand are striking.

## ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND STRIKING IN BERLIN MONDAY

BERNE, Jan. 30.—The Frankfurter Zeitung received today says one hundred thousand were striking in Berlin Monday. There were no demonstrations or processions.

## ANARCHISTS IN FINLAND THREATEN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

PETROGRAD, Jan. 30.—An anarchist group of soldiers and workmen at Helsingform, Finland, ultimatum the American ambassador that he would "be held personally responsible for the life and liberty of Alexander Berkman," the anarchist convicted in America of combatting the draft. Later the Bolsheviks reported the capture of Helsingform from Finnish revolutionists.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—A dangerous international situation developed from the Finnish anarchists threat to hold the American ambassador at Russia responsible for Berkman. The order for the execution of Berkman's prison sentence is in the mail.

The news of President Wilson's intervention in the Mooney case was cabled Russia and is being widely spread there.

## B. C. FEDERATION OF LABOR HOLDS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 30.—The eighth annual convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor got down to real business today, following arrival of the last delegates and the close of preliminary business matters. The question of a separate political organization in the interests of labor will be one of the big questions to be settled at this session. Reports on the Nottingham conference will also receive consideration.

## VANCOUVER ISLAND BREAKS COAL RECORD

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 30.—Previous production records of the Vancouver Island collieries were shattered during 1917 when 1,698,235 long tons of coal were mined. This was an increase of nearly a quarter of a million tons over 1916. Owing to labor troubles in other districts, the district output will not be exceptionally large.

West Linn—Modern 100 room hotel building to be erected by Crown Willamette Paper Co.