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HOLLAND ASKS FOR GERMAN SHIPS.

Want Vessels Destroyed by Submarines Replaced to Insure Food Supply.

The Hague, Monday, Feb. 26, via London, Feb. 27—The government has given no indication of its course of action to be followed in connection with the recent disaster to Dutch shipping in the submarine attack on a flotilla of Dutch steamers off the English coast.

It is taken for granted, however, that a peaceful solution is being sought in the form of a cession by Germany of a certain number of ships to replace the lost tonnage, such replacement being considered imperative because of the necessity of an immediate reorganization of food supply arrangements.

There is already talk of a wholesale slaughter of Dutch cattle being necessary, owing to the loss of fodder cargoes among those destroyed by the submarine attack and the inevitable delay in securing fresh consignments.

Railroad Man Died Wednesday

A. E. J. Percival died at the home of Mrs. S. P. Jones in this city, early Wednesday morning aged 54 years. Mr. Percival had been ailing for the past two years, having had a stroke of paralysis from which he never recovered fully. He was taken ill Tuesday and gradually failed until the end.

Mr. Percival had lived in this region for about 12 years and had many acquaintances who will be grieved to learn of his death. "Percy," as he was familiarly known to his friends, was of a kindly nature and had a word of cheer for everyone, he was never known to speak an ill word of anyone—where he could not praise he did not condemn.

He was a railroad man and held several important positions at different times and in which he made good. He leaves a mother in Montreal, and five children four of whom reside in Spokane, Wash.

Ample Moisture for Crops

Happner, Or., Feb. 25—Morrow county is covered with snow from eight inches to a foot in depth and the farmers are rejoicing, as it insures plenty of moisture for the 1917 crops.

JAPANESE TO MAKE SHELLS IN MEXICO

Two Hundred Expert Munition Workers Are Imported With Machinery.

Mexico City, Feb. 25—The cartridge making machinery purchased from Japan has been unloaded at Manzanillo from the steamer Ketchury Maru and will soon be put in operation. Two hundred Japanese experts accompanied the shipments in order to set up the machinery and operate it. It is hoped by the government that this machinery will make Mexico independent of the other countries for ammunition.

Death By Shooting

Early Sunday morning the report reached this city that John Margreiter who lived about three miles southwest of this place had been shot and killed at his home about midnight.

Coroner Perl and Sheriff Jennings were called and visited the scene about 3 A. M. and found the report true, after which the remains were removed to Medford. Various rumors regarding the affair were in circulation, but at an inquiry held Monday it is said the official's decided that the shooting was accidental. The young man who was one of a large family of children lived with his mother on the ranch, his father died several years ago.

Funeral was held Wednesday, interment in the cemetery at this city.

Porker Brings Owner \$79.80

Portland, Feb. 28—There is money in hogs. This afternoon at the Portland Union Stock Yards a single hog weighing 680 pounds sold at 11½ cents a pound, netting its owner the handsome return of \$79.80. This is the highest price ever paid at the yards for a single hog of this size.

Stops Dancing In Cafes Where Liquor is Sold.

Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 28—Late yesterday an ordinance prohibiting public dancing in places where liquor is served was adopted by unanimous vote of the city commissioners. It becomes effective in 30 days. Three large cafes are affected by the measure.

LIFE IN U. S. NAVY

Jacksonville Boy Tells How News of German Rupture Was Received.

(The following is an extract from a personal letter to the editor of the Post.)

Monday morning Jan. 29, got underway and stood out of the harbor. Held sight-setters, pointers, and fire-control drills, using the submarine C-4 as a target. This was continued all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday anchoring Wednesday night in Porto Bello. I think I have told you about Porto Bello. It is one of the oldest towns established by the early Spaniards in Central American and was a strongly fortified position of Henry Morgan's pirates during the early seventeenth century. There are a number of old and quaint relics about that neighborhood that have never yet been tampered with, although thousands of tourists visit Porto Bello and its surroundings yearly.

All during the week we continued practicing and maneuvering with the C-4, and each night anchoring at Porto Bello. During the night had torpedo quarters and searchlight drill to repel torpedo attack. Friday morning we were to go out again at 9:40 A. M. to complete our week's drill, but Captain Campbell received a radio-gram from Colon that his daughter was very ill and we delayed our drill and left for Colon again at 7:00 A. M.

Friday night were given liberty in Colon. Here we received our first intimation of the strained relations between the U. S. and Germany. All sorts of rumors were current in Cristobal-Colon. Saturday at about noon rumors were being circulated about the ship as if "under forced draft." The Commanding Officer had just received a forty-eight word "code" message which resembled the one received while we were in San Diego, Cal., and upon which we emigrated with more or less haste "Panama-wards," without stopping to complete our target practice.

Saturday at two past meridian all divisions fell in at quarters and were marched back to the quarter-deck. Here the Commanding Officer made a short talk something to the effect: "I have called you aft to make a few remarks. It becomes necessary for me to take you into my confidence. I have received unofficial word that diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany will probably be severed at two o'clock this afternoon.

We are awaiting confirmation of this unofficial message, which if it comes will call for certain necessary action by us as being the only representatives of the Naval establishment present. If we receive such confirmation, we will at once take steps to relieve the crews of the four German ships anchored in the bay and to provide for the safety of these ships and for the safety of the canal as well as its accessories, to the fullest extent of our ability. In order to be prepared for what ever order we are to receive the Executive Officer will immediately detail twenty men with rifles and ammunition to each of the German ships, with one of the submarine officers in charge of each detail, so that everything will be in readiness to carry out our work with the greatest dispatch. You are further cautioned not to damage or take for your own use any article belonging to the ship you may be detailed to."

The executive officer then made the details and drew up plans of carrying them into execution. At three-thirty word was received from the Governor of the Canal Zone confirming the first message, and that we were to go ahead with our part of the program. By four o'clock three sailing-launches and a ship's steamer shoved off from the Charleston with its party of twenty armed men for the four big liners in the stream. They encountered no difficulty whatever as the Germans were taken completely by surprise. By six o'clock our boats began to return to the Charleston loaded with the Crew and Officers of the merchant-men.

In coming aboard the Captain of the Charleston made the remark to the Senior German Commander, that "I am very sorry I am forced to do this, but must carry out my orders. We will make it as comfortable as possible for you." After all the Germans had been received on board they were given supper and then transferred; the officers and their wives to the Hotel Washington and the crews to detention-camp at Fort Randolph, later to be sent to the States. These ships have laying in harbor for a long time but were prepared to get underway in very short order. All their boilers were primed and run down to steaming level ready for lighting-up. The officers seemed very reluctant to leave their ships as they had things fixed up very comfortably on board. The crews were a little excited. They have not decided (Canal Authorities) just what will be done with the liners, but it is believed they will be put in the fresh water of Gatun Lake for safety and also to clean the barnacles off the bottoms. Barnacles have taken hold of the under-water hulls and grown to a depth of eight or ten inches. In the meantime a party of sailors from this ship and a party of soldiers from Fort Sherman, are remaining aboard each vessel.

The military preparations on the announcement of the severance of diplomatic relations, was both rapid and thorough throughout the Canal Zone. Guards were doubled and trebled on the Locks and Spillways. Extra guns were hastily mounted along the Canal approaches: the great search lights (I told you of in my first letter) were brought into play at both entrances to the Canal. All Germans on the Canal Zone were rounded up and put in detention. As soon as the U. S. Collier Mars arrived in port, ten un-naturalized Germans were removed from her complement and sent via army transport to the U. S. All shipping is prohibited in any of the Canal Waterways or bays between the hours of six p. m. and six a. m. Two armed patrol boats take their stand at each end of the breakwater at entrance to Cristobal harbor, nightly, to intercept any ship which might arrive during the night and which has not heard of the new order of things. Another small patrol boat makes rounds of all the shipping in the harbor all night long to see that nothing moves. Not even one of the little native Indian "cayacs" or canoes, is allowed on the bay during the night.

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Yankee Bluejackets Quell Riot in Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 28—Two squads of American bluejackets were sent from American naval station at Caimanera, Cuba, into the town of Guantanamo, Monday, to quell a small riot and protect foreigners and their property if it became necessary. Reports received at the navy department today said order was restored without violence, and unless there is a recurrence of trouble the bluejackets will be withdrawn. The incident is not regarded as important.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Need 500 Cars to Move Wheat

Happner, Or., Feb. 25—Passengerage of cars with which to move the wheat now in the warehouses along the Happner branch is working a hardship to the owners of the grain, as they cannot sell and get their money for their crop until cars are in sight with which to move it. It will take at least 500 cars to move the balance of the Morrow county crop.

House Moved Miles While Family Occupies It.

Warrenton, Or., Feb. 26—A large house in which the family was living was moved 20 miles on a barge yesterday coming from up the Lewis & Clark river, through four drawbridges, around the Columbia river and back in the Skipanon river. The house will be placed on a lot in the heart of this city and will be occupied by the owner, Alex Sigurdson. The last drawbridge only cleared the scow about six inches and made it look doubtful for its passage for a short time. Less than three hours' time was consumed in making the trip. The scow was towed by a steamboat.

Snow Interrupts Work On Railroad Near St. Helens.

St. Helens, Or., Feb. 26—Snow which began falling Friday, while not more than a few inches deep in St. Helens, is from six inches to a foot deep in the hills back of the town. It has caused the suspension of the construction work on the H. S. & A. logging railroad, and the 40 men employed in the building of the trestle have been laid off. The logging camp at Deer Island has also suspended operations until the weather is more favorable, but so far the operation of the two local mills and ship yard has not been interfered with.

Big Silverton Sawmill Will Start Up Next Week.

Silverton, Or., Feb. 26—The Silver Falls Lumber company expects to start its new mill on March 12 and run it throughout the year. The company owns a large tract of timber in the eastern portion of Marion and Clackamas counties, 30 miles from here, and a logging railroad connects the mill with the timber tract. The logging camps and railroad are sufficient to supply the mill with 100,000,000 feet of timber a year. The new plant here is up-to-date and stands on a 140-acre tract, with a 12-acre pond for logs. The mill has a capacity of 200,000 feet in 12 hours.

Big Estate Probated

Lebanon, Or., Feb. 26—The will of the late Mrs. E. C. Warner was filed Saturday with the Linn county court for probate. The real and personal property is valued at \$21,000. W. C. Cooley has been appointed administrator of the estate. It is said that the annual rental of the real property amounts to \$1500.

Bend Will Protect Its Domestic Water Supply.

Bend, Or., Feb. 25—To prevent water, forced into the city mains for fire fighting, from contaminating Bend's drinking supply, chlorination of the water will be automatically effected at the auxiliary pumping station which is to start operation here March 1. Two and one-half pounds of liquid chlorine to 1,000,000 gallons of water will be the proportion of the chemical used.

Committed to Hospital

Lebanon, Or., Feb. 25—G. H. Coshaw, of Brownsville, Or., was arrested last Saturday on a charge of insanity and taken to Albany, where after a brief hearing, County Judge McKnight committed him to the state hospital at Salem. Mr. Coshaw is about 40 years old and this is his third commitment. His mania runs to snow baths. He was for a number of years a book-keeper at the Brownsville Woolen mills and has a wife and eight children.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Coos Bay coal being sold in Medford. St. Helens—Clatsop county lets contract for 4 miles grading and paving at cost of \$62,000.

Grants Pass—Indications are that this city may lose sugar factory built here last year owing to the fact that sufficient quantity of beets cannot be secured. Many other communities are after plant.

Eugene—Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. will soon have Marshfield connected with this city by line giving first class service.

Brownsville—Cannery here has many more orders than it can fill for 1917. Cottage Grove cannery will operate this season.

With war threatened, the country begins to realize the value of great industries and railroads. Legislation and regulation which injures and destroys them, injures the whole country.

Portland—Metal Trades Council strike in local shipyards breaking down. More men will be employed as fast as machinery can be installed.

Public Docks Commission locating site for large public elevator at Portland.

Lebanon—S. P. Co. has large force rebuilding 2000 ft. trestle.

Redmond—Standard Oil Co. building station here to carry full line of its products.

Prineville—Oregon Spokesman, new paper to be published here.

Elk City—Alder timber being shipped from here to Albany furniture factory.

Coquille—Sawmill goes to work on 12,000,000 ft. lumber war order.

Portland gets a toy factory with \$30,000 capital.

Legislature provided new revenue of \$324,000 and has \$133,000 in emergency fund.

North Bend sawmills working on Eastern war order materials.

Contracts let to place 10,000 tons rock around S. P. Co. Coos Bay bridge piers.

Portland stove works will erect \$0,000 plant.

Portland Saturday manual training classes are crowded.

Klamath Falls—New fish hatchery on Crooked Creek to be built—another to be enlarged.

Salem—Bill to spend \$200,000 on home for delinquent children referred to the people.

Newberg Graphic—The Southern log train that is coming in daily now makes music that has a pleasing sound to many ears. It means work for a large number of hands and this means the payment of many grocery bills and other accounts.

Southern Pacific distributes first half of \$110,000 labor bonus for 1916.

Interstate Commerce Commission has raised lumber rates from all Willamette valley mills fifty cents per ton, or ten to twenty-five dollars a car.

Barke Fish Co. to establish refrigeration plant on Coos Bay.

China gets 2100 miles railroad 1917 built with American capital. It is to be hoped this year will see conditions that will invite capital to go into American railroads.

Crane has a \$54,000 irrigation project.

Klamath Falls gets another box factory to employ fifty hands.

Marshfield—Options have been closed by Eastern concern for more than 100,000 acres of spruce and fir timber land on lower Umpqua and Smith rivers, at a consideration of more than \$3,000,000. A large pulp and paper mill will be established, and cruises are now ascertaining the amount of paper spruce available.

Hog Prices Reach New High Mark in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 27—Hog prices at the Union stock yards, which have been moving up from day to day, reached a new high point this morning when heavy swine sold at \$13.33. Several days ago the \$13 hog equipped all Civil war prices and established a new record for the market.

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