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## STEAMER CALIFORNIA MAY BE SECOND LUSITANIA; SENT TO BOTTOM WITHOUT WARNING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Consul Frost at Queenstown cabled the state department tonight that the British passenger liner California had been torpedoed without warning off the Irish coast and that the one American known to have been on board was saved.

and crew of 184. Advice to the local officers said there were 160 survivors; those to the state department from Consul Frost at Queenstown that one life was lost and that there were "30 hospital cases."

## STATE LOSES ITS FIGHT TO REGAIN DISPUTED LANDS

30,000 ACRES OF HYDE SCHOOL LANDS RETAINED BY THE WESTERN LUMBER CO.

Judge Campbell Explains Decision, Which is Based on State Law Passed by the Legislature in 1901.

Judge James U. Campbell, of the state circuit court, Monday handed down a decision absolutely unfavorable to the state in its suit to set aside deeds to over 30,000 acres of timber lands in eastern Clackamas county known as the Hyde-Benson school land.

The suit, which was brought August 11, 1913, was directed against F. A. Hyde and others, charging that they fraudulently obtained title to state lands through the use of dummy-entrants and seeking to regain the lands to the state on that ground.

At the present time most of the land, which is heavily timbered, is owned by the Western Lumber company, a Montana concern.

## \$14,000 SCHOOL IS PLANNED BY WEST LINN BOARD

DIRECTORS WILL ASK VOTERS TO REPLACE OLD STRUCTURE WITH MODERN BUILDING

After carefully preparing plans and investigating costs the school directors of West Linn have set on foot a brand new campaign for the construction of a modern grammar school building to occupy the present school site.

At that time the plans will be presented to the voters and they will be asked to authorize an election for the purpose of legalizing the expenditures.

Another of the speakers at the meeting will be J. H. Carey, members of the board, which includes, W. R. McDonald, chairman; Richard Bittner, C. F. Charles, and Clyde Hughes, clerk, may be expected to be heard from.

The Portland Gas & Coke company Thursday completed the laying of mains in Canemah. Twenty-five residents of the town have signed contracts to connect with the company's mains, and several connections were made Thursday.

## GOVERNMENT PROPERTY IS UNDER GUARD

GERMAN SPIES ARE BEING WATCHED; PICKED RIFLEMEN ARE ON LOOKOUT.

'SHOOT TO KILL,' ORDER Government Secret Service Operatives Are Busy Trailing Both German and Pro-Ally Amisaries—Much Evidence Is Secured.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—First steps for the protection of government property in the zone around Chicago were taken today, following receipt of orders from Washington by wireless, when sentries were tripled and all visitors barred from the grounds of the Great Lakes Naval Training station near Lake Michigan.

The United States secret service department in Chicago, reinforced by scores of operatives from Washington, today took up with renewed zeal the trail of aliens whose activities in the last two years virtually classed them under the term "spies."

Activities of German and pro-ally amisaries are almost as great in Chicago as in the east, it is declared, and, while agents for both sides plot and counterplot to each other's confusion, operatives of the United States government compose the third party in the vast Sherlockian conflict.

## BANG! BANG! FIVE MORE COUGAR BITE THE DUST AND EKE FIVE BOBCATS

ESTACADA FARMER BRINGS IN PELTS AND CARRIES AWAY FORTUNE IN BOUNTIES.

Hides of five cougar and five wildcats, the largest number of pelts ever presented in this city for bounty, were brought to the office of County Clerk Harrington Monday.

## FIRST SHOVELFULL OF DIRT TURNED BY MOOSE

Ground was broken for the Moose lodge new building to be erected in Eleventh and Main streets. A. F. Fisher, contractor, has a crew of men excavating for the foundation.

## President Cautious Wont Rush to War Wilson Will Wait

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The president undoubtedly will wait for complete reports on the disaster before determining whether the time has come for him to go to congress to ask authority to "use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people."

## VOTE ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE ENDS ACITATION

INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT PUTS BILL INTO THE LEGISLATIVE DISCARD.

SALEM, Ore. Feb. 7.—(Special)—After being carefully piloted through the house on its journey toward the governor the move to create a separate Cascade county was defeated today in the senate when only six votes could be mustered against an indefinite postponement report, unanimously returned by the senate committee.

## HAMMERS TO RING ON NEW AUDITORIUM FOR CHAUTAUQUA BY APRIL

DIRECTORS EXPECT BUILDING TO BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR JULY SESSIONS.

If present plans of the board of directors are carried out, the Willamette Valley Chautauqua assembly will be housed in a new \$6,000 auditorium at its coming session to be held in July.

## CONSTABLE RILEY ASKS HEDGES TO PROSECUTE

MILWAUKIE OFFICER TURNS EVIDENCE AGAINST CLUB OVER TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Constable Sam Riley, who raided the Friars' club at Milwaukie Friday morning, turned what evidence he had in the case over to District Attorney Hedges Saturday.

## HOUSE PASSES SCHOOL DIRECTOR RECALL BILL

SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—School directors were placed on a parity with other public officials this morning when the house of representatives passed senate bill 95, providing for the recall of school directors upon the filing of proper petitions.

For days a bitter attack was made on the bill by O. M. Plummer, of Portland, representing the interests of City School Superintendent Alderman, of Portland, who saw in the bill a possible ransome to the close corporation of the Portland school board.

## GERMAN AMBASSADOR VON BERNSTORFF IS HANDED PASSPORT BY WA



Count von Bernstorff and his staff have been given their passports by the American government. Von Bernstorff is shown here with his friend, Baron Zwiadinek.

## GOVERNOR'S PLAN OF CONSOLIDATION GETS O. K. OF COMMITTEE

AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON RE-ORGANIZATION OF STATE TAX COMMISSION.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1.—(Special to the Enterprise)—Chairmen Dimick and Brownell of the joint consolidation committees today agreed with the balance of the joint committee on the bill, relating to the state tax commission and decided to adopt the governor's plan as promulgated in his message.

## DIMICK BACKS BILL TO ASSIST LITTLE TOWNS

DEDMAN'S MEASURE ALLOWING MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS PASSED BY HOUSE.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—(Special to the Enterprise)—Every effort will be made by Senator Dimick to secure the passage in the senate of Dr. Dedman's bill allowing communities to join together to develop domestic water facilities. This statement was made by Senator Dimick today.

## WIFE CHARGES DESERTION

Kate F. Connor charges desertion in a divorce suit filed in the Clackamas county circuit court Thursday against Harry H. Connor. They were married October 27, 1910, in Oregon City.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED.

County Clerk Iva Harrington Thursday issued marriage licenses to Anna Oberst and Wilhelm Sommermeier.

## IAN HOME GIVES PLACE TO MODERN GARAGE

MILLER-PARKER COMPANY PAYS \$16,000 FOR NINTH AND MAIN STREETS SITE.

PLANS FOR THREE-STORY PLANT WILL BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION

Big Realty Deal Closed When Automobile Merchants See Bargain; Plans for Building to be Pressed Rapidly.

With the intention of using the site for the construction of a thoroughly modern, fire-proof garage, costing at least \$19,000, the Miller-Parker company Tuesday closed negotiations for the purchase of the Charman property at the corner of Ninth and Main streets.

The price paid was \$16,000. Construction of the new building will begin within 30 days and will be completed before fall.

Contains Many Improvements. The new structure will contain an automobile show room, a store, and a repair and machine shop, a painting plant, and an elevator.

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A heating plant will be one of the featured improvements among the equipment of the building.

House Will Be Moved. The Charman property now embraces two large residences. One is the historic Charman home, situated on the corner; the other is the house where Mrs. Lena Charman now lives, which faces on Ninth street.

The Charman home is now occupied by Dr. Hugh S. Mount. It will be removed to the rear of the property. The other house will not be affected by the new structure.

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Towney Bldg. 24, Cor. Taylor Portland, Ore.

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