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GERMANY WOULD SIC MEXICO AND JAPAN ON UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Germany, in planning unrestricted submarine warfare and counting its consequences proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States, if this country should not remain neutral.

Japan, through Mexican mediation, was to be urged to abandon her allies and join in the attack on the United States.

Mexico, for her reward, was to receive general financial support from Germany, reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona—lost provinces—and share in the victorious peace terms Germany contemplated.

Details were left to German Minister Eckhardt, in Mexico City, who by instructions signed by German Foreign Minister Zimmermann, at Berlin, January 19, 1917, was directed to propose the alliance with Mexico to General Carranza and suggest that Mexico seek to bring Japan into the plot.

These instructions were transmitted to von Eckhardt through Count von Bernstorff, ex-German ambassador here, now on his way home to Germany under a safe conduct obtained from his enemies by the country against which he was plotting war.

Germany pictured to Mexico, by broad intimation, England and the entente allies triumphant and in world domination by the instrument of unrestricted warfare.

A copy of Zimmermann's instructions to Von Eckhardt, sent through von Bernstorff is in possession of the United States government. It is as follows:

Berlin, Jan. 19, 1917.—On the first of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this, it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

"If this attempt is not successful we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support, and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement.

"You are instructed to inform the President of Mexico of the above in confidence as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States and suggest that the President of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan, suggesting adherence at once to this plan; at the same time offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

"Please call to the attention of the President of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in a few months.

(Signed) ZIMMERMANN.

This document has been in the hands of the government since President Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. It has been kept secret, while the president has been asking congress for full authority to deal with Germany and while congress has been hesitating.

It was in the president's hands while Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg was declaring that the United States had placed an interpretation on the submarine declaration "never intended by Germany," and that Germany had promoted and honored friendly relations with the United States "as an heirloom from Frederick the Great."

REFERENDUM SURE TO BE INVOKED ON 3 NEW LAWS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28.—The referendum will be invoked against at least three measures passed at the recent session of the legislature, according to reports in circulation about the capitol today.

These will be the bill removing the dead line for commercial fishing in the Willamette river to three miles below the falls at Oregon City, the sterilization bill and the insurance code.

HEAD OF STATE GIRLS SCHOOL HAS RESIGNED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24.—(Special)—Katherine M. Doan, supervisor and parole officer at the State Industrial School for Girls, has submitted her resignation to the State Board of Control, but the board has taken no action thereon. Expressing herself as highly interested in the work and its advancement, she gave no reason for desiring to resign, saying simply that she wished the resignation to become effective March 1.

WOOLEN MILLS DOUBLE OUTPUT WITH NIGHT SHIFT

The hum of machinery at the Oregon City Woolen Mills was to be heard all night last night and is scheduled to be heard 24 hours a day from now on.

Owing to the rapid increase in orders, the management has decided on a policy of doubled production, and as a result the mills will double their running time with a night shift.

As rapidly as workers can be found to handle the machinery it will be put into operation during the night hours. At the present time there are approximately 250 men on the payroll. An addition to the mills is being rushed to completion, and if the 24 hour service is continued after the new plant goes into operation it will mean that the employment of 1000 workers is the only thing which is likely to cause delay with the night shift.

JUDGE ANDERSON TELLS GRANGERS INS AND OUTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

At the last meeting of the Abernethy grange, Judge Anderson gave an able exposition of county government, explaining it in somewhat the same way as Haskins has described federal government. He first took up the probate department and said he had administered the estates of 453 persons so far. He said that although he was not perfectly familiar with probate law at the beginning, and had to rely upon the attorneys of Oregon City to advise him in all but two or three cases they had played perfectly square. He laid special emphasis upon the fact that although many people considered attorneys crooked as a class he had found this a cruel injustice. He defined the juvenile department as dealing with children with no means of support or with faults that in elder persons would be considered crimes. Divorce appeared to him the chief cause of this delinquency, a divorce a day being the rule in this county. He dwelt also in the increasing number of dependent poor and widows for which provision had to be made.

County finance he defined as the art of making the appropriation last through the year, not always an easy thing to do when the public demands increased expenditures. He corrected the impression, also, that the county court levies all the taxes. It has no control over the \$135,000 state and other fixed taxes in this county. He discussed the 2 mill tax for hard surface in addition to the 7 mill tax for ordinary road purposes, the budget for this year. Valuing the county at 29 millions he raised a tax of nearly a million a year for all purposes.

He branded as a falsehood the statement that road money was not spent in the districts where levied. His daughter, Miss Lillian, recited the poem "Neighbors," with encore of "The Bumble Bee," and also read "Give the boy a chance." Miss Oehler was initiated into first and second degrees. Master Dye presided.

DR. DEDMAN BRINGS HOME WIFE TO CANBY; MARRIAGE SURPRISE

Dr. H. A. Dedman, of Canby, representative in the state legislature, sprung a complete surprise on his friends when he returned to Canby Saturday with a wife.

As a culmination of a quiet romance, Miss Blanche Jobe, of Philadelphia, was married to Dr. Dedman in Seattle, January 27.

Despite the fact that the wedding had taken place more than a month before, not one word of it had leaked out. Mr. Dedman went to Salem and set through the entire session without saying anything to any of his acquaintances.

He is president of the First National Bank of Canby and of the Canby State bank.

COURTEOUS SERVICE WINS OLSON BOOST

H. D. Olson, who has been agent for the Southern Pacific company at Oregon City for the last two years, has been promoted and appointed traveling freight agent, with headquarters at Portland. Mr. Olson is the most popular and efficient agent that the Southern Pacific has had at Oregon City in recent years, and his departure will be regretted by the traveling public. His successor at Oregon City has not yet been named.

AUTOS STUCK IN MUD GOT OUT BY FARMER STUCK SECOND TIME

THE DALLES, Feb. 28.—Here is a "Get-Rich-Quick" in the shape of a Wasco county rancher who resides in the vicinity of Miller's bridge, east of The Dalles. The scheme of this Wallingford is to pull automobiles out of soft, oozy, sticky eastern Oregon mud at \$5 per.

MOLALLA EDITOR LATEST OREGONIAN HEIR TO FORTUNE

MOLALLA, Ore., March 1.—H. H. Palmer, who purchased the Molalla Pioneer about four months ago, received word last week that he had fallen heir to several hundred thousand dollars through the death of his mother.

He received an advance draft of \$5000 to defray expenses of his Eastern trip. He left Tuesday, accompanied by his wife, who will go as far as Washington, D. C., while Mr. Palmer goes to New York.

Gordon J. Taylor, who was on a lecturing tour in the state of Washington, was compelled to cancel dates, and is now in charge of the Pioneer. He was the former owner.

BLUE SKY SCHEME STOPPED BY POST OFFICE; MANY BIT

Several hundred Clackamas county people have been swindled as the result of a scheme to defraud carried on by the National Mail Order Brokerage exchange of 529 Globe building, Minneapolis, Minn.

A government fraud order warning those who are contemplating sending to this firm for silk undershirts said to be valued at \$4.50 was received Wednesday by Postmaster Cooke. The men engaged in this scheme have left Minneapolis.

The swindling scheme has been carried on, and is still being taken by many who do not know of its fraud, by means of an endless chain letter.

COMMERCIAL CLUB GOVERNORS DINE; ELECT OFFICERS

The first meeting of the board of governors of the Commercial Club since the reelection of President O. D. Eby last month, was held Friday night and the following officers for 1917 were elected: E. E. Brodie, vice-president; M. D. Latourette, secretary; Dr. L. A. Morris, treasurer. The governors held their annual dinner at Mass' restaurant. The following standing committees for the calendar year were appointed:

Executive—O. D. Eby, A. L. Obst, L. Adams, W. A. Huntley, William Andersen.

House—John J. Cooke, Joseph E. Hedges, H. H. Johnson.

Reception and entertainment—E. E. Brodie, L. A. Morris, John W. Loder, R. L. Holman, A. A. Price.

Membership—C. Schuebel, Chas. T. Parker, T. W. Sullivan, George V. Ely, C. P. Farr.

Transportation—Frank Busch, Edward Schwab, B. T. McEbin, W. P. Hawley, Jr., R. L. Shepherd.

Auditing—H. A. Swafford, I. T. Rau, Glen Hankins, T. Osmund, J. A. Mobley.

Publicity—O. D. Eby, Percy P. Canfield, E. E. Brodie, M. D. Latourette, A. C. Howland.

NATION BUYS GUNS TO PUT ON MERCHANTMEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Dids will be opened by the navy department tomorrow for 2400 one-pound guns and mounds, 350 three-inch guns and mounds and several four and five-inch mounds. These guns are the type most effective against submarines and are the size guns that would be mounted on merchant ships in case congress so ordered.

YOUNG MAN WOULD AVENGE DEATH OF MOTHER, SISTER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—President Wilson has received the following cablegram from Austin Y. Hoy, whose mother and sister were lost when the Laconia was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine:

"I am an American citizen, representing the Sullivan Machinery company, of Chicago, living abroad not as an expatriate, but for the promotion of American trade. I love the flag, believing in its significance. My beloved mother and sister, passengers on the Laconia, have been foully murdered on the high seas.

"As an American citizen outraged and as such fully within my rights, and as an American son and brother bereaved, I call upon my government to preserve its citizens' self-respect and save others of my countrymen from such grief as I now feel. I am of military age, able to fight. If my country can use me against these brutal assassins I am at its call.

"If it stultifies my manhood and my nation's by remaining passive under outrage, I shall seek a man's chance under another flag."

PARENT-TEACHERS HOLD ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

One of the most successful meetings held under the auspices of the Willamette teachers was at the Willamette school house Saturday afternoon, when the Parent-Teacher association assisted in entertaining the teachers of Clackamas county, with J. E. Calavan, county superintendent, having charge of the program. The morning session commenced at 10 o'clock, and opened with a few remarks by the county school superintendent. A reading by Professor Earl Kilpatrick followed after which N. C. Maris talked upon the industrial work that is being accomplished in the schools of the state. Following the spread furnished by the women of Willamette and of the Parent-Teacher association, the afternoon's program was given. The Willamette Glee club, composed of four young ladies, gave several selections. Professor John Mason favored the audience with several readings. "Adolescent Retardation" was the subject upon which Dr. R. W. DeBusk dwelt for some time. His address was of much interest to the teachers and others in attendance.

ELBERT CHARMAN IS MADE HEAD OF ENDEAVOR UNION

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24.—(Special)—Elbert Charman, of Oregon City, was elected president of the Western Oregon Christian Endeavor union at the convention of that organization here Saturday.

Young Charman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Charman, of Oregon City. For several years he has been very active in the work of the organization.

Prior to his trip to Salem he was a delegate to the Eastern Oregon convention at La Grande, where he was very prominent in the affairs of the Christian congress.

He is a student in Reed college. His election was practically unopposed.

ROAD MEETING IS TO BE HELD TUESDAY AT MT. PLEASANT CLUB

Efforts to obtain funds for the improvement of a stretch of three-quarters of a mile of roadway connecting the Rock road and the Long road in Greenwood are being made by the residents of that district.

A meeting of citizens will be held at the Mount Pleasant community club Tuesday evening for the purpose of finding out what can be done by way of subscriptions toward the fund.

Representatives of the county court will be present. The people affected by the improvement expect that the court will appropriate a part of the necessary money.

The section which it is proposed to macadamize runs southward from the Partlow place to the top of the hill in Greenwood. The other roads were improved two years ago, but the one stretch of mud was left on account of lack of funds.

No exact estimate on the amount that it will be necessary to raise for the purpose has been made as yet.

Hats off to Star Spangled Banner, New National Air

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—The "Star-Spangled Banner" is the American national air. At least, it is as far as the United States army is concerned, a recent order of the war department designating Francis Scott Key's historic composition as the national anthem. New army regulations just received here by Colonel Samuel R. Jones, United States quartermaster, fix "The Star-Spangled Banner" definitely, under the date of January 8, 1917.

FISHERMEN OPEN HOT CAMPAIGN TO QUASH GILL BILL

More than 150 men interested in the fishing industry here were present at a meeting of the fishermen's union Monday night in the city hall when definite action was taken to set on foot a referendum putting the Gill bill up to a vote of the people.

By Friday petitions will have been prepared and returned from Secretary of State Olcott and at that time they will be put into circulation throughout the state.

\$750 Raised.

At the meeting it was announced that \$750 has already been raised to forward the campaign which the fishermen say will be the only means of saving the industry from death as a result of the drastic removal of the deadline to Oswego.

Representatives of the following fish-dealing firms in Portland were present and each contributed \$100 to the fund: Malarkey Fish company, Barbey Fish company, Portland Fish company and Pillar Rock Company.

Merchants of the Oregon City have added \$53 to the fund, it was announced.

Need 20,000 Signers.

By obtaining 20,000 signatures to their petitions the fishermen will hold up the law for two years, or until the election in November 1918.

Circulation of petitions must be completed by May 10.

A letter was authorized asking Secretary of the Interior Lane to force a delay of any action on the measures providing that any legislation connected with the Columbia River shall be approved by both states. He has already put the matter off 60 days.

HUNDRED YEARS OLD BUT STILL HE WANTS TO JOIN THE ARMY

One hundred and four years old, John Dowd, of Portland, father of Mrs. Nellie Shinville, is now anxious to enlist in the army should war be declared with Germany. He says he can use a gun just as well at the present time as in the early days when he fought the Indians.

Mr. Dowd who will celebrate his 105 birthday anniversary on St. Patrick's day, has been in this city visiting Mrs. Shinville. He left for his home in Portland Thursday afternoon.

Travels Alone.

Although Mr. Dowd has almost reached his 105th birthday anniversary, he is unusually active, and expects to live many more years. He returned from a trip to California last month, having accompanied his daughter, Mrs. Shinville, to San Francisco, where he visited with relatives. He returned to Portland unaccompanied, remarking that he was "old enough to travel alone."

He was born in County Carey, Ireland, and came to the United States when quite young. He settled in Portland when that city was a forest. He is well versed in lore of the early days when the Indians were giving the whites so much trouble. He served during the Indian war.

Built Shack.

Mr. Dowd has the distinction of building one of the little shacks in Portland, at what is now Broadway and Washington streets. At that time that part of Portland was a dense forest. He was considered one of the best farmers, trappers and scouts in his early days. His memory is still as active as in those days when the city of Portland was a wilderness.

The first time he has worn spectacles was last year, when his eyesight commenced failing, and he said that it was about time that he was putting them on. He reads the daily papers and is well posted on current events. Being interested in the present war in the European countries, he is well read on that subject.

Mr. Dowd offered his services to the government at the time the men were called to go to the front. He is still watching his chance of re-enlisting to fight for his country—America.

FILING OF DEED RE-OPENS ANCIENT LAND LITIGATION

WALTER G. COX OBTAINS DISPUTED TITLE TO QUARTER-LOT WATER POWER SITE.

CONSIDERATION OF \$10 NAMED IN PAPERS LEFT WITH THE RECORDER

Portland Railway Light & Power Company Has Paid Taxes on Property for 20 Years; Claim for Title Long in Court.

When Walter G. Cox, of this city, filed a deed to a quarter-lot of valuable water power site on the island at the head of the falls Monday he automatically entered as a defendant into litigation over the property which has been in the courts for the past 22 years.

Immediately following the filing of the deed, Circuit Judge J. U. Campbell allowed a petition making Cox a defendant in the suit of the Willamette Transportation & Locks company against Aurio M. Draper and W. T. Burney, claimants to adjoining sections of the island.

Texas Man Owner.

Cox obtained the deed from Clarence W. Simpson of Houston, Texas, who according to the deed, in turn got the land from Burney in 1894 when Burney was register of the local land office. The consideration was \$10.

The Portland Railway Light & Power company, of which the suing corporation is a subsidiary concern, asserts a claim to the land, based in part on long time occupancy. It has paid taxes on the property for more than 20 years.

The land was originally deeded by the government as a homestead, but the records of Clackamas county are not complete enough to settle without court action title questions which arose later. The records show that the Portland Railway Light & Power company holds what is called "adverse title."

Was Attorney.

Mrs. Draper, the first named of the defendants, is the wife of J. W. Draper, of Bolton, who was an attorney for the land office at the time Mr. Burney was register. Simpson, who held the deed to the land which has been transferred to Cox is a brother-in-law of Mr. Burney.

The contested land is of great value, but the assessor's office is unable to approximate the worth of the particular quarter-lot without investigation.

WILL INTRODUCE NEW SCHEME AS 'BASKET GROCERY'

S. Robacker, who recently returned to Oregon City from eastern Oregon, where he was in the grocery business, has brought a lot on the northeast corner of Fifth and Jackson streets and will erect a store building there where he will engage in the grocery business.

Mr. Robacker is to try a new plan. He will carry on his grocery business as what he terms "a basket grocery." Mr. Robacker purchased the lot from Frank E. Andrews, Jr., of Portland.

He will immediately start construction of his store building, expecting to have it completed and ready for business within a month.

He came to Oregon in 1911 from Fort Wayne, Indiana, and since coming west has purchased considerable property. He has leased 320 acres of land recently purchased in eastern Oregon, about 23 miles from Bend.

FARM LOAN BOARD READY WITH CHEAP COIN FOR FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Federal farm loan board officials are understood to have arranged for placing of the entire first issue of forthcoming farm loan bonds, amount undetermined, with a syndicate of bankers at New York and elsewhere at a rate of 4 1/2 per cent. The rate to be charged the farmers on loans will range between 5 and 5 1/2 per cent.

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