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AMBASSADOR GERARD REPORTS TO STATE DEPARTMENT THAT SINKING OF SHIPS WON'T STOP

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Ex-Ambassador Gerard, fresh from Berlin, reported to the state department today that when he left there was evidence that Germany fully intended carrying out her ruthless submarine campaign, regardless of the prospect of war with the United States, and that the talk of peace had been abandoned.

The ex-ambassador did not see President Wilson because the president is still confined to his room, but he conferred at length with both Secretary Lansing and Counselor Poik, and went over with them in detail events leading to the break in diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States.

Mr. Gerard reported that German officials apparently considered the consequences of submarine ruthlessness before proclaiming it, and, as far as he could learn, were confident of its success. When he left Berlin, however, the campaign was only in its second week and the Germans were still predicting the destruction of 1,000,000 tons of shipping a month the amount admitted by Teutonic experts to be essential for an effective starvation blockade of England.

Since then, however, the average destruction has been below half that. Food conditions in Germany when Mr. Gerard's party left were reported as serious but not necessarily critical. This question is looked upon by the American government as an important because of its bearing upon the possibility of further peace moves by Germany in the near future.

Met at Depot. The ex-ambassador arrived here from Key West, Fla., shortly after noon and was met at the station by a group of officials. A formal statement was given out by Mr. Gerard saying he would make his report to the government and would not talk for publication. He will go to New York tomorrow for a formal reception to be tendered him there Friday.

The report made by the ex-ambassador to the state department was understood to deal particularly with the treatment accorded himself and other Americans following the break in diplomatic relations, the efforts of the German government to get him to reaffirm the old treaty of 1825 with extensive changes, the general attitude of the German government and public towards submarine warfare, peace and relations with the United States, and conditions in Germany.

\$10,000 HOSPITAL IS TO BE ERECTED DURING SUMMER

Oregon City is to have a new \$10,000 hospital. It will be practically under the same management as the present hospital located on Washington street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. The present building is to be moved to one side so as to make room for the new structure. The new hospital will face Tenth street. This building is to be erected on the unit plan and will be under construction in the early summer.

At the present time the Oregon City hospital is almost too small to accommodate those desiring to undergo medical treatment, and it has been found necessary either to enlarge the building or to erect a larger building than the present one.

The Oregon City hospital was established about six years ago, and bonds were issued for the purchase of the property. These have been paid off during the past year and the institution is on a footing so as to be able to finance the proposed building. This is one of the most suitable locations in the city, and is ideal for a hospital.

Miss Mary Swales, who is superintendent of the hospital, is a graduate nurse of the Good Samaritan hospital training school.

SUB SINKS AMERICAN SHIP WITHOUT WARNING; CAPTAIN, LIKE SKIPPER IRESON, SAILS A WAY LEAVING BOATS AT SEA

GEORGE LAZELLE IS NEW PRESIDENT OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR; DATES SET FOR SEPTEMBER 18-19-20-21

Other Officers Are Chosen and Preliminary Arrangements for Big Exhibition Are Placed on Foot.



George Lazelle.

George Lazelle was chosen Friday to head the Clackamas County Fair association.

Dates for the fair, which is held annually at Canby, were fixed for September 18-19-20-21.

Following the election of Mr. Lazelle, C. N. Wait was selected as vice-president; W. H. Blair was made treasurer; and G. F. Johnson, recently selected head of the publicity committee of the Oregon City Commercial club, was named as secretary.

Ed Fortune will be in charge of the racing. He was selected as racing manager.

HEAR GERMANS IN PLOT; RUSH COPS; NO PLOT AT ALL

NEW YORK, March 14.—A group of Germans sitting around a table in a Brooklyn beer garden discussing Fort Hamilton and Fort Totten, started an alarm early today which resulted in the mobilization of a motorcycle and machine gun guard on the land side of both forts.

Police Commissioner Wood said today persons who overheard the discussion of the alleged plot to capture the forts reported to Captain Cooper at Fort Totten and he requested mobilization of police. Wood dispatched Deputy Commissioner Schull and Captain Tunney with a squad of detectives to Brooklyn to investigate. They found no evidence of a plot and the police guard was withdrawn.

LONDON, March 14.—The American steamer Algonquin fell victim Monday to the German ruthless submarine warfare.

All of her crew of 27 were saved, according to official advices received by the American embassy from the American consul at the port where they were landed.

The Algonquin was attacked—without warning—by shell fire from the German U-boat.

After the crew had taken to the lifeboats, the German commander sent a detachment of his men aboard the Algonquin. They set bombs which sank the ship.

The submarine opened fire from a point three miles distant from the Algonquin and fired 20 shells at the first fusillade.

When appealed to, the submarine's commander refused the request of the survivors to tow the lifeboats and, departing, left the Algonquin's crew to their fate.

Captain A. Nordberg, of the Algonquin, gave the following account of the attack:

"It was just after daylight Monday. We were attacked without warning."

"The submarine started fire at a range of three miles. When about 25 shells had been fired at the Algonquin of which four hit her forward, the crew decided to take to the boats and pulled away from the sinking vessel."

"Then the submarine approached and with only her periscope showing, sailed around the steamer several times. Finding that the crew had abandoned the ship, the submarine came to the surface. Some of the Germans boarded the Algonquin and placed bombs aft. These were exploded and within a quarter of an hour the steamer disappeared."

"I appealed to the submarine commander for a tow towards land, in view of the roughness of the weather, but the German gruffly replied: 'No, I am too busy.'"

"The crew pulled away in their boats, none being injured by shell fire, but all suffered from exposure."

"All personal effects and the ship's papers were lost."

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL PASS UPON ROAD BOND ISSUE

The Commercial club will go on record for or against the \$6,000,000 road bond issue next Monday night.

The board of governors last night authorized a meeting of the club for the consideration of the question. Commercial organizations of a score of Oregon towns have already endorsed the proposal to issue bonds totalling \$6,000,000 for the construction of a system of permanent highways.

At the meeting here next Monday night, the question will be discussed from all angles. It is expected that in the event the club gives the proposal its official sanction, that a committee will be named to make a careful and thorough campaign of Clackamas county.

SCHNOERR ARREST REPORT IS DENIED FROM BOTH SIDES

Reports to the effect that Gustav Schnoerr had been arrested by representatives of the federal department of justice, which were widely circulated throughout Oregon City Wednesday, were flatly denied by both Mr. Schnoerr and Acting United States District Attorney Robert R. Rankin, of Portland.

"I do not know anything of such arrest," said Mr. Rankin Wednesday evening, "and it is certain that I should know of any action unless someone were taken in an overt act where no warrant would be needed."

Mr. Schnoerr, who was at his home Wednesday night, said:

"I guess someone must have been trying to play a joke on me. There is absolutely nothing to it. I have not been arrested and no secret service men have been to see me."

"I think the people will take it as a joke. All of them know that when this country is in trouble Gus Schnoerr will stand on its side."

The story about Schnoerr, who is a former representative of Clackamas county in the state legislature and vice-president of the Consolidated German Speaking societies of Oregon is widely known, came as a climax to a number of rumors which arose in connection with a petition circulated among local Germans, praising Senator Lane for his stand.

PRESIDENT WILSON SELECTS MEMBERS OF NEW TARIFF BOARD

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Wilson has selected members of the new tariff board as follows.

Professor Frank Taussig, who will act as chairman; W. S. Culbertson, Kansas; William Kent, California; David J. Lewis, Maryland; E. P. Costigan, Denver, and Daniel Roper, formerly connected with the postoffice department.

LEGISLATORS FILL OFFICES BY LOT IN FAR ALASKA

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 14.—"Just to take an Alaskan's sporting chance," members of the territorial legislature have adopted a resolution demanding that all candidates for legislative jobs from president down shall draw lots. The resolution was offered by Representative Frank A. Aldrich, Democrat, of Nome, as the only solution of a hopeless deadlock.

FLEDGLING MOTORIST DRIVES MACHINE INTO AUTO; NO ONE HURT

A painless automobile accident occurred here Tuesday when A. G. Long, a farmer, momentarily lost control of his new Ford and drove it into a Buick belonging to G. W. Buck.

Long was attempting to make the turn at the corner of Twelfth and Main streets. Buck had the right of way. But Long, being a new driver, became confused and ran his car right into the front of the larger machine. Damage amounted to a bent fender and a burst tire. Long paid the repair bill.

CHINA BREAKS OFF RELATIONS; SEIZES GERMAN VESSELS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Diplomatic relations between China and Germany were broken by China today, according to an official message to the navy department.

The Chinese government has seized all German merchant vessels, about six in number, in Shanghai harbor, and the crews have been put ashore. Armed guards have been placed aboard the vessels.

ARRESTED GERMAN IS RELATIVE OF KAISER WILHELM

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—The plot to smuggle goods aboard the German interned ships in the League Island navy yard, which has so far resulted in five arrests of prominent German-Americans, assumed more sinister aspects today when it became known that Adelbert K. Fischer, arrested with his wife Monday, is not only a relative of the kaiser, but is an official of one of the largest marine engineering companies in the world in Hamburg. Fischer's daughter is the wife of the owner of the Hamburg firm.

GERMAN MONEY IS MAKING WHEELS TURN IN MEXICAN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Confidential diplomatic reports from the representatives of a neutral government in Mexico passing through here on their way to Europe say the German bank in Mexico City and the German legation there are guiding virtually the entire financial and diplomatic affairs of Mexico.

According to these reports, the action of Mexico in sending recently to the American republics a note on the subject of peace in Europe was dictated by the officials of the German legation, while the German bank is said to have come into control of the Mexican financial situation.

CHILD TAKEN FROM HER FATHER; GIVEN TO MOTHER

Reopening the divorce case of Henry Liebe against Ruth Liebe, Circuit Judge Campbell Thursday gave the custody of Florence Liebe, a minor child, to Mrs. Liebe and ordered Liebe to pay \$10 a month toward the support of the child.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY CERTAIN OF \$15,000 FROM COMMISSION

Clackamas county will receive from the state highway fund \$15,000 for the improvement of the Pacific Highway between Oregon City and New Era, and it is expected this money will be expended in 1917.

The appropriation was made last year by the highway commission, and as it has been announced that the new commission would keep the promises for allotments made by the old commission, the county court will proceed with its plans for the opening of the New Era cut-off.

It was stated Wednesday that property owners just south of Canemah were holding up plans for a definite program by refusing to give the necessary right of way, and this is the first matter that will have to be ironed out.

The estimate for a macadam road from Canemah to New Era involves an expenditure of \$60,000, on a water grade, eliminating the stiff hill grade from the South End road out of Oregon City.

GRAND JURY IS TO MEET FRIDAY FOR SHORT SPRING TERM

District Attorney Hedges Wednesday petitioned the circuit court to call a special grand jury to convene Friday to consider the cases which are now being held up for action.

None of the cases are of any great importance, Mr. Hedges stated Wednesday, but the district attorney's office is anxious to clean up its business without waiting an additional three months for the court to call the grand jury in regular fashion.

It is customary to call a special grand jury between each regular grand jury. No one is in jail awaiting action.

FRANCE HAS SPENT 83 BILLION FRANCS IN PROSECUTING WAR

PARIS, March 14.—At the end of June, France will have spent during the war in round figures \$3,000,000,000 francs, according to a report made by Raoul Peret, reporter of the budget committee of the chamber of deputies, in behalf of the committee on the provisional credits asked by the government for the second quarter of the year.

The resources of every nature realized during the same period are estimated by M. Peret at 73,408,000,000 francs.

'ODS FISH AND LINES! FIND DEEP SEA CAT NOT PURPLE, EITHER

REDONDO BEACH, Cal., Mar. 12.—Carl Hansen and George Fitch returned from a fishing trip today, bringing with them a large black cat they found riding an empty keg five miles out at sea.

GERMAN AIRMEN BOMB HOSPITAL; KILL TWO NURSES

SALONIKI, via London, March 14.—"Enemy aviators again bombarded our hospital at Vertokop," says a Serbian official statement today, "causing heavy loss of life among both patients and personnel. Two English nurses were among those killed."

"The hospitals are completely separated from any other buildings and are distinctively marked with a red cross."

ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH SIX WIDOWS ARE WED TRY LUCK ONCE AGAIN

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 14.—Six widows took husbands today.

The couples, all from Portland, were: W. W. Egan and Mrs. Agnes Hampton; H. F. Shockley and Mrs. Mary Hunter; Ora Lindsay, and Mrs. Elizabeth Claggett; Albert Robinson and Mrs. Catherine Peer, and W. D. Russel and Mrs. Maude Orris.

BRINGS SUIT AGAINST ESTATE ON A MORTGAGE

Mrs. Emma G. Lousignont Thursday brought suit in the circuit court asking foreclosure of a \$400 mortgage held against 1 1/2 acres of property forming a part of the estate of the late John C. Dean. The suit is brought against Cordelia Bartlett, administratrix.

CHAMBERLAIN MAY COME HOME; LANE STAYS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Senator Chamberlain probably will go to Oregon to fill in the interval until the extra session if the senate adjourns this week. Possibly Senator Lane also will return home, but he has not fully decided.

ANDREWS ASKS COURT TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE

Frank E. Andrews Friday brought suit in the circuit court against J. E. Gage, asking foreclosure of a mortgage on three acres of Clackamas county property which, Andrews states was given as collateral on a \$1116 note.

FOOD SHORTAGE MAY CAUSE MARS TO SHUT UP SHOP

WASHINGTON, March 13.—A general peace move will be launched within three or four months, according to views of diplomats and officials today.

In the opinion of military men, government authorities and representatives of foreign powers here, there are many elements at work which are tending to bring the great world war to its closing stage. These elements include an increasingly acute food situation in all the warring nations, particularly among the central powers; a growing unrest among the peoples as indicated by the dissatisfaction manifested toward the entente cabinets; possibility of any one of the principal nations breaking suddenly under the military; and growing belief that neither side can achieve an overwhelming victory such as would force a strictly military peace.

It is now believed here that President Wilson's suggested "peace without victory" will result in fact and possibly not later than July 1.

NATION WILL BARE TEETH IN PRESIDENT'S NEXT MESSAGE; UNIVERSAL SERVICE QUESTION

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Wilson's message to the Sixty-fifth congress, called in extra-ordinary session April 16, will be sharply militant.

Defense measures such as the country has not been called upon to furnish since the Spanish-American war, will be urged by the president for immediate consideration and prompt action.

These are expected to include: Legislation covering all matters collateral with the defense of the American merchant marine. Suggestion for action on some form of universal service or training to prepare the American youth for service on land and sea, if called upon. Appropriations for the army, and Conservation measures which will release for immediate use the mineral and oil resources now locked up in public lands. Universal training promises to be the biggest question facing congress. President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker have sent out an appeal for "thoughtful public opinion upon the needs and wishes of the country" on this "radical departure from the military traditions of the country."

LA GRANDE IS WRATHY AGAINST TONG GUNMEN WHO SHOT WOMAN

LA GRANDE, Or., March 14.—Mrs. C. E. George, an elderly widow who was shot in the ankle yesterday when tongmen riddled William Eng, a young Chinese, with bullets as he stood in front of the postoffice, is in danger of losing the injured foot. X-ray pictures show the bone is badly shattered.

Public indignation at Chinese in general is even more sharply defined than yesterday.

WITNESS THIS ONE GHOSTS START SUIT BREAK INTO COURTS

SEATTLE, March 12.—Advice from the "spirit world" by a "German professor who died 400 years ago," has left wealth, bitter dissension and law suits in its wake here.

E. H. Alvord and his father, T. M. Alvord, claim to be beneficiaries of a mystic influence through which detailed plans of an automatic wood pulp compressor were conveyed to a trance medium.