

## STEAMER IN GOLDEN GATE HIT AND SUNK

### Liner Harvard in Fog Rams Excelsior.

#### ALL HAVE TIME FOR ESCAPE

#### Prow Cuts Into Engine-Room and 3 Are Burned by Steam.

#### DERELICT LOST IN FOG

#### Submerged Craft Floats Off on Tide and Tugs Catch It, Then Lose It and Finally Abandon It as It Drifts Out to Sea.

#### SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—(Special.)

The lives of scores of passengers on the steamer Harvard, delayed and hurrying to this port, were imperiled and four members of the crew of the steam schooner Excelsior were seriously hurt and several others narrowly escaped death shortly before 4 o'clock tonight, when the two vessels came together in a dense fog off Pier 41, at the foot of Stockton street.

The Harvard was not badly damaged, but the entire side of the Excelsior was stove in and the vessel, all but her upper works submerged, began drifting with a strong ebb tide toward Lime Point. Her crew, all but one of whom had at an early hour been accounted for, was taken off in launches.

#### Four of Crew Injured.

The injured men, who were treated at the Central and Harbor Emergency Hospital, are:

Joseph E. Deward, Alameda, chief engineer of the Excelsior, severely scalded on arms, legs and face by bursting of steam pipes; lacerated scalp.

Patrick Smart, San Francisco, fireman on the Excelsior; deep laceration of the scalp.

Joseph A. Finley, Oakland, fireman on the Excelsior; scalds of the body, hands and face.

Christian Johnson, Oakland, watchman on the Excelsior; scalds of the face, hands and body and lacerations of the scalp.

#### Fog Obscures Bay.

The Excelsior, in command of Captain Hans Sten, was outbound in ballast, and was proceeding to Caspar, on the Mendocino coast, for a cargo of lumber. The Harvard, in charge of Captain E. P. Bartlett, with a full list of passengers, was inbound from Los Angeles.

An unusually heavy fog hung low over the water and obscured objects more than a few feet away. There was also a strong ebb tide running, and the Excelsior was holding a course off shore.

Suddenly, out of the darkness loomed the high prow of the Harvard. Almost on the instant, and before any move could be made by the steam schooner to escape, the Harvard crashed into the smaller vessel's side, about 25 feet ahead of the stern, smashing the ship's wooden side as if it were an eggshell.

#### Explosion Follows Crash.

The Excelsior quivered from bow to stern for a brief moment, when there came an explosion, followed by a terrific rush of steam, which pinned in the crew in the boiler-room and seared their flesh as they lay helpless.

It was thus that Chief Engineer Deward, Fireman Finley and Watchman Johnson were scalded. In addition, Deward was struck by a flying timber on the head and chest, as was Fireman Smart, who had escaped the steam.

#### Wireless Brings Parent

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#### British Trade Gaining

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#### Airman Falls Fifth Foe

French Aviator, Working Alone in Great Airplane, Adds to Record.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Sergeant Pilot Guyonnet, of the French flying corps, has just brought down his fifth German adversary, and has been mentioned for his exploits in an official communication.

## INDIANS THREATEN WAR IN ARIZONA

### ALL WHITES AT TUBA ARE IN DANGER OF MURDER.

#### Twenty-Five Thousand Redskins Beside on Reservation—Killing of Brave Causes Trouble.

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Feb. 7.—The Indians on the Navajo reservation are threatening to kill all the white inhabitants of Tuba and burn the Government buildings there, according to William Durbee, superintendent of construction of the Indian school at Tuba. Durbee arrived here yesterday. Tuba is on the "Painted" desert about 35 miles north of here.

The few white families living at Tuba have but small amount of arms and ammunition with which to defend themselves, Durbee said today. Superintendent T. Runke and two police officers of Tuba attempted to arrest a "bad" Indian January 26, Durbee said. The Indian shot at the officers and was killed when the policemen returned the fire.

Friends of the Indian immediately began to ferment trouble among other Indians on the reservation.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Five thousand residents in the Northeastern portion of Arizona were alarmed over a report that the Hopi tribe of Navajo Indians were threatening to go on the warpath, according to word received here early tonight. Approximately 25,000 Indians were living on the Navajo reservation, but it was not known what proportion of them were involved in the threatened uprising.

## ENGLAND MAY BAR APPLES

### Hood River Faces Shut-Out to Make Way for Munitions.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—According to Wilmer Sleg, sales manager of the Apple Growers' Association, an embargo on apples may be expected from the British government at any moment. A shipment of fruit from Spokane for English export trade last week may have to be sold on the domestic market.

The action is taken by the English government, according to H. P. Davidson, the New York representative of the association, because of the need of the British government for all available shipping space for the transportation of munitions of war.

## WOMAN SHOTS MINISTER

### Pastor May Be Fatally Wounded. Assailant Charges Insult.

SHEKEMAN, Tex., Feb. 7.—The Rev. H. M. Cagle, 46, a Baptist minister, was shot and probably fatally wounded today by Mrs. Annie Faust, who lives near Denison. The woman fired five shots. Charles Barton, a bystander, was shot in the arm. When arrested she said the minister had insulted her. After Cagle fell he gasped, "Take me to my wife; I have only one life to live and I do not want to die until I have talked to her."

Mrs. Faust was released on \$1000 bail.

## NERVE SAVES MAN'S LIFE

### Pedestrian, Too Late to Dodge, Grabs Bumper of Auto Truck.

The presence of mind of G. A. Harth, a farmer from Eagle Point, who is in Portland serving on the Federal jury, saved him from serious injury yesterday, if not death.

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## PORTLAND DUE FOR BUT SLIGHT FLOOD

### Willamette at Salem Has Risen 19 Feet.

#### FLOOD CREST PASSES EUGENE

#### Columbia Is Steady, So Rivermen Here Fear Little Loss.

#### BENTON FARMS DAMAGED

#### Rivers Overflow in Coos Bay District—Rural Localities Suffer. High Water and Landslides Stop Railway Operations.

## NORTHWEST FLOOD CONDITIONS.

Marshfield—Coquille River, on rampage, floods 10 miles of railway; land slides do damage. Brownsville—Calapooya River breaks levee, floods town and vicinity, drowns sheep. Corvallis—Willamette overflows thousands of acres and causes Oregon Electric much trouble. Canyonville—Flood crest passes harmlessly on balmy day. Seattle—Thaw conditions favorable; railways fear mountain snow slides. Oregon City—High-water crest is coming, but no damage is anticipated. Albany—Willamette and Santiam rivers high; bridge trouble and marooning of family reported. Eugene—Willamette, McKenzie and Siuslaw rivers are in flood stage; no great damage reported. Salem—Willamette 19 feet above low water and rising steadily; damage is feared; Mill creek overflows Seventeenth street, stopping car service.

Portland is to have a small Winter freshet, and predictions are made that the river will attain a stage of 14.5 feet above zero here Thursday, which means that some of the lowest docks probably will be covered, and basements on Front street may be visited. The crest of the freshet passed Eugene at noon yesterday, attaining a depth of 18.2 feet there, and dropped 1.5 feet during the afternoon.

The Ash-street dock, which is about the lowest on the West Side, had less than three feet to go on at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the official gauge registered 11 feet above zero, and that mark showed a gain of 1.5 feet since 4 o'clock in the morning.

## NO ULTIMATUM DELIVERED

### Great Britain Says Central Powers Have Not Pressed Roumania.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The government has received definite information that there is no foundation to the report that the central powers have delivered an ultimatum to Roumania.

## THINGS ARE PICKING UP IN THE WEATHER LINE.

THE WEATHER BUREAU SAYS FLOODS

THE WEATHER MAN PREDICTS A FLOOD IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

SOME OF THE OLD SIGNS ARE ENCOURAGING

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HEY HED, WHO EVER HEARD OF A RAIN FLOOD IN A DRY STATE?

HOW JOHN, YOUSE KIN TAKE A BATH IF YER WANTS TO—THE BATH AIN'T FROZE NO MORE

WILBE DRY IN 31 WEEKS—IS HOG?

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## NEW GIGANTIC PLOT IS LAID TO GERMANY

### Rebellions Throughout Far East Planned.

#### AMERICAN SENATORS SOUNDED

#### Hope Is to Keep Japan From Aiding Her Allies.

#### SUEZ CANAL IS OBJECTIVE

#### Heralded Drive at Allies in France Will Only Be Feint to Cover Attack on British Waterway, Washington Hears.

#### BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—A gigantic plot to precipitate revolutions throughout the Far East has been revealed to the Government here.

Back of the plot are German brains and German money, it is declared. The operations are being conducted from California and from the Dutch East Indies. Their object is to cause armed uprisings in China and the Dutch possessions for the purpose of compelling Japan to abandon support of the allied cause, through the supply of munitions to the Russians, and to devote herself to establishing and securing control of the Far East.

#### Revolt in India Planned, Too.

Another object, to which the most attention is being paid, is to create a revolution in India and thus strike at England.

Information also has been received which indicates that the German plan of campaign contemplates the circulation of reports that a drive shortly is to be made on Calcutta and to support of the reports by a feint in order to cause Great Britain and France to concentrate all their available strength on the line of Northern France.

The real objective of the German general staff, it is said, will be the Suez Canal and India. Preparations for the operations against the Suez Canal are well under way.

#### Turk Drops Mine in Canal.

Only two weeks ago a "minisular" & Oriental liner was sunk by a floating mine in this waterway, the explosive having been dropped in the water by a Turk, who drove a cart through the Mohammedan troops defending the eastern bank of the canal.

If the revolution should be precipitated in the British possessions, the German campaign against them would be immensely simplified.

By stirring up trouble in China and in Dutch India all of Japan's available strength would be occupied and she would be unable to carry out the terms of her alliance with the British government, which contemplates the use of Japanese troops in certain contingencies in India.

In connection with this plot, German agents in Washington are credited with calling attention of Senators to the

## BOATHOUSE GOES AMUCK IN HARBOR

### PROPERTY OF D. E. KEASEY BREAKS FROM MOORINGS.

#### Dolphins on Hawthorne Bridge Carried Away, Launch Eva Damaged and Metlaka Bumped.

High water sent Dorr E. Keasey's big launch-house on a rampage from its moorings at Lone Fir Station yesterday, and it left a wake of splinters through the harbor.

It was first reported striking one of two dolphins on the south side of the Hawthorne-avenue bridge, which was carried out and hung up against a pier of the Burnside-street bridge.

Then the launch-house swerved in shore and struck the Standard boathouse and carried with it downstream the cruising launch Eva. It drifted along until Kellogg's boathouse was reached, at Salmon street, where the Eva was forced against a float and a hole about two feet in length was driven in the hull above the water line.

Continuing on its way, the launch-house smashed into the steamer Metlaka, lying a short distance below, tearing away planking from the superstructure.

Meanwhile the Custom-House launch H. W. Scott and the Harbor Patrol launch gave chase and managed to "line up" the launch-house to pass through the Harrison bridge draw, but they were unable to beach the unwieldy tow, owing to the current. Finally Captain Mitchell navigated alongside with the launch Frolic and the house was headed down the harbor.

It is classed as among the largest launch-houses on the river, and a bad list added to the difficulty of controlling it.

## PRINCE OSCAR IS WOUNDED

### Kaiser's Fifth Son Struck by Shell Splinters in Eastern Zone.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Feb. 7.—Prince Oscar of Prussia, fifth son of Emperor William, has been slightly wounded in the head and on the upper part of the thigh by shell splinters during the fighting in the eastern war theater, according to a Berlin official report received here.

Prince Oscar was wounded at Virton, Belgium, in September, 1914. He was ill for a long time and was declared to be suffering also from an affection of the heart. He returned to duty in the field in November, 1914, narrowly escaping capture the following month in the fighting in Poland.

## POLICE GUARD WARSHIPS

### Precaution Taken Against Bombs From Brooklyn Bridge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Placing of extra police on the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges yesterday when the cruiser Washington passed under was explained by Secretary Daniels today as a precautionary measure taken by Rear-Admiral Usher, commandant of the New York Navy-yard, because of the receipt of two letters calling the Navy Department's attention to the fact that it would be easy to destroy warships passing under the bridges by dropping bombs on them.

The secretary said there was no intimation of any plot.

## PANAMA AGREES TO FORTS

### Legation Willing to Sell Sites for Big Guns to United States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The willingness of Panama to grant big-gun sites at approaches to the Panama Canal is indicated in negotiations pending between the State Department and the Panama Legation. The sites are regarded as necessary to carry out General Goethals' plan to extend Canal fortifications.

Panama is said to have indicated a willingness to sell at agreed prices.

## NEW DRY MOVE PROPOSED

### Amendment Offered Prohibiting Interstate Whisky Shipments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Senate Judiciary committee reached no conclusion on the National prohibition constitutional amendment today.

An agreement to provide that whisky should not be shipped beyond the confines of the state which permits its manufacture was offered.

Such a proposal would only need a majority vote in Congress.

## HAY FREIGHT RATE IS CUT

### Reduction Permitted to Aid Snow-Bound Stockmen.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 7.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today authorized the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Lines to carry hay and grain at reduced rates for 30 days.

This order is designed for the relief of stockmen in states that have recently been snowbound.

## ARTILLERY DUELS ARE ON

### Engagements in France Are Terrific, Says Berlin.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 7.—Artillery engagements of terrific intensity have been in progress in the section between La Bassée Canal and Arras in Northern France and south of the River Somme today. German army headquarters announced these activities today.

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## OPPOSING LEADERS FIGHT FOR DEFENSE

### Party Lines Forgotten in Navy Measures.

#### VOTE ON BILLS UNANIMOUS

#### Speaker and Republican Leader Work Hand in Hand.

#### MR. CLARK TAKES FLOOR

#### Opponents of Preparedness Fail to Show Hand on Roll Call—Joseph Cannon Hints That Move May Be for Campaign Purposes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Speaker Clark and Republican Leader Mann fought side by side in the House today for adequate National defense. With party lines obliterated, most of the members followed their leaders and two Navy measures passed without a dissenting vote. One, to provide for adding 300 midshipmen to the entering class at Annapolis next July, passed 173 to 0, and the other, to equip Navy-yards for construction of battleships Nos. 43 and 44, passed without a rollcall.

Mr. Mann tried to put the anti-preparedness advocates on record by calling for a division on the Naval Academy bill, but there were no negative responses.

#### Speaker Clark Takes Floor.

The appearance of Speaker Clark on the floor to campaign preparedness measures aroused wide interest. Rumors persisted that he would take active charge of the fight to increase the Army and Navy. Majority Leader Kitchin having joined the opposition.

Immediate improvement of the Navy by designing new battleships along the lines of the best now in use, doubling the membership of both Annapolis and West Point, creation of many additional regiments for the Army and short-term enlistments to produce a reserve, were among suggestions made by the Speaker. He said he expected to discuss the subject of preparedness generally, soon.

Mr. Mann reiterated his previous plea for a larger Army and Navy and aided in maneuvering the bills to passage. "This is not the time for crumination and recrimination," said he. "It is not the time to find fault with that which has been. It is the time for all to join hands for that which may come."

#### Crowds Rush to Galleries.

The debate went far afield from the measures under consideration, extending to the general subject of military preparedness. The unusual sight of the Speaker and the minority leader battling together for Administration measures, while the majority leader sat silently in the back of the House, attracted crowds to the galleries, and members rushed to the floor from their offices and committee rooms.

Mr. Clark urged haste in getting new battleships into commission. He asked Chairman Padgett of the naval committee why it would not be a good plan to pattern the two battleships Nos. 43 and 44 after the best United States ship afloat and get them completed quickly.

"Simply because," Mr. Padgett explained, "the chief of the bureau of construction told us that he had plans already worked out that would make decided improvements against torpedo attacks."

"Why do they not put those plans into operation?" the Speaker continued.

#### Mr. Clark Pleads for Speed.

"They will," Mr. Padgett said, "as soon as they get authority provided in this resolution."

"We shall all die of old age before they are completed at this rate," the Speaker responded.

Representative Padgett told the House that three ships—the Oklahoma, Nevada and Pennsylvania—regarded as the three best in the world at the time they were laid down, would be completed and put in commission during this year—two of them in the early Summer, one in the Autumn.

"If any emergency should arise," he added, "very small resolution of Congress carrying the necessary appropriation could provide for extra ships."

Representative Cannon, of Illinois, created a stir by asking if the talk of preparedness was a sham performance for campaign purposes. Later he said he did not intend the remark as a criticism of the President.

#### Mr. Cannon's Motives Assailed.

"The gentleman was trying to put in a nice way a very nice criticism of the President, but he did not get away with it," Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, said.

"The President of the United States," answered Mr. Cannon, "is my President as well as your President, and if I can find out what is the proper thing to do, if it is necessary to do anything, I stand ready to help him do it."

"If we have another war, which I do not believe we will have if we attend to our own business," Speaker Clark said, while advocating the Naval Academy bill, "what we will need more than anything else will be officers. You can get all the volunteers you want in 30 days."

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