SINKS: 147 DIE ICE-FILLED TORRENT BRAVED WITH FRAIL SKIFF.

Maloja, 12,431 Tons, Hits Mine Near Dover.

RESCUER ALSO GOES DOWN

Passengers Include British Indian Officials on Way to Far East.

WASHED ASHORE

Vessel Was Sister Ship of Persia. Torpedoed in Mediterranean Recently.

LONDON, Feb. 28 .- The Times estimates the Maloja dead at 147, of whom 117 were Lascars.

DOVER, Feb. 27 .- The steamship skiff. Maloja, a 12,431-ton vessel belonging to the Peninsular & Oriental line, VIOLENT QUAKE RECORDED taken prisoners, it was added, totaled struck a mine and sank within a half hour, two miles from Dover today. Center of Disturbance Is 2100 Miles More than 140 persons were drowned or killed as a result of the accident.

The British tanker Empress of Fort William, going to the rescue, struck another mine and sank nearby. One man of the crew of the Empress of Fort William was drowned.

Up to midnight the bodies of victims landed include 18 men, 11 women and four children, in addition to 11 Lascars. Among the dead is Mrs. McLeod, wife of General McLeod.

Attempt to Beach Vessel Fails.

The Maloja left Tilbury only yesnassengers of all classes aboard, and a crew numbering about 200, most of them Lascars. Other passengers were to join the ship at Marseilles.

miralty pier at Dover and was oppo- Breach in Sioux City Negotiations prisoners amounts to nearly 15,000. site Shakespeare Cliff when an explosion shook her from end to end. She listed immediately to port.

High seas were running and the captain, realizing that great damage class of the Cudahy and Armour packhad been done to the after part of his vessel, tried to run her aground, but the engine-room was swamped and ers it was decided to demand the origthe ship became unmanageable.

Dozens of Craft to Rescue.

served and dozens of craft went at full speed to her rescue. It was one of these, the Empress of Fort William, of 2181 tons, that sank.

Aboard the Maloja everything possible was done to get the passengers and crew off. All the boats had already been swung out before she struck, as a precaution against accident, and all those aboard had sufficient time to put on life belts, instruction in the use of which had been given the previous evening.

Bodies Are Washed Ashore.

Boat after boat and seven rafts were sent away, but several persons leaped into the water and were picked up by the surrounding craft. It was at first thought that all had been saved, but later bodies were washed ashore and their number was grad-

ually added to during the day. Owing to the fact that Dover is under strict military law, it was possible to obtain only meager details from those rescued. The captain said that both passengers and crew behaved

splendidly. British Officials on Board.

The passengers were for the most part British officials in the Indian service, the most prominent being Judge Oldfield, of the Indian High Court. They were returning to service in the East.

The Peninsular & Oriental line steamship Maloja was an Australian mail boat and a sister boat of the Persia, which was torpedoed and sunk off the Island of Crete December 30

last, with the loss of 336 lives. The Maloja was last reported as having arrived at Marseilles January 31 bound for London from Sydney, New South Wales. The steamship was 350 feet long, 62 feet beam and 34 feet deep. She was built at Belfast

in 1911. In February, 1915, It was reported board was ordered to stop by an unknown armed merchantman. The mail (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3.)

IMPERILED IOWAN RESCUED BY BOY

Death Nearly Claims Prize at Last Moment, When Exhausted Man Falls Into Water and Sinks.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., Feb. 27.—In a thrilling rescue by Ray Ellis, an 18-year-old boy, Charles Thomas was taken late last night half frozen an nearly lifeless from a tree in the flooded and icepacked Des Moines River, where he had clung to the branches for hours after seeing a com panion drowned. Thomas and A. E. Rommell, Mahaska County engineers, were in a party attempting to dynamite the ice floe, when they were swept into the stream, Rommell perishing Thomas was caught in the top of tree, which had been submerged partly by the flood.

The swollen channel was filled with akes of ice, hurried onward by the swift current. It was deemed impos sible to reach to Thomas until Ellis, it through the ice to a point near where

ie marooned man was. Lodging his boat against two other inundated trees to keep it from being swept downward by the current, the ward Thomas until he finally landed it near enough to the virtually helpess man so he could make it fast to a branch of the tree. Ellis secured his determined attempts made by French Thomas slid down.

Death nearly balked the rescue at the last moment. In his slide down the yesterday with sanguinary losses, acrope. Thomas, exhausted, fell and cording to the official statement issued dropped into the water. He sank, but today by the German headquarters the boy in the boat seized him when staff. German troops, it was asserted, he came up and dragged him into the had stormed the fortified works of

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. - Violent earthquake shocks at an estimated distance from Washington of 2100 miles were recorded today by the Georgetown

University selsmograph. The vibrations began at 3:27 P. M. and continued several hours, being most pronounced between 3:37 and 3:40

today, beginning at 12:33 P. M. and con- wood northwest of Bras. tinuing in the form of a sinuous curve terday for Bombay with mails, 119 for more than two hours. According to calculations made by Professor Newlin Hardaumont the epicenter was approximately 5000 miles distant.

The steamer had just passed Ad- PACKING STRIKE STILL ON

Is Widened.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 27.-The breach in negotiations between offiing companies and the 2300 strikers at the Sioux City plants was widened to day when at a mass meeting of strikinal scale of 221/2 cents an hour for all common laborers, instead of accepting 21 cents an hour, which Saturday was of the machine included two captains,

The plight of the vessel was ob- practically decided on, Unless the packers grant a written agreement setting forth that there shall be no deviation from wage scales for one year or shifting of men from one department to another with less wage, was unanimously decided there will

LOSS DUE TO SUBMARINE

French Ministry Reports on Sinking of British Steamer Fastnet.

PARIS, Feb. 26, via London, Feb. 27. -An official announcement made by the French Ministry of Marine today regarding the sinking of the British steamship Fastnet says the vessel was sent to the bottom by a submarine in the Western Mediterranean. The crew of the steamship was rescued by a French cruiser.

The captain of the Fastnet reports that he saw the same submarine sink the Swedish steamer Thornborg, the boats of which the undersea vessel towed away.

The fastnet was of 2227 tons gross and built in 1887. She was 290 feet long, 38 feet beam and 18 feet deep.

BRITISH LINES EXTENDED

French Soldiers Being Relieved for Defense of Verdun.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 27 .- British lines in Belgium and France are being extended to replace French soldiers who are being rushed to the Verdun region to take part in the fighting. which has settled down to a terrific

slaughter," according to advices re ceived here from the battle front. Approximately 20 grmy divisions have been thrown into the battle by the Germans, while the French troops number 15 divisions, cable messages

BRITISH STEAMER ON FIRE

Vessel, on Way to France, Abandoned; Crew Rescued.

LONDON, Feb. 27.-The British steamship Suevier, from New York. that the Maloja on entering the Eng- February 11, for Havre, has been abanlish Channel with 400 passengers on doned aftre at sea, according to a dis-

All the members of the crew are reboat is said to have ignored the order ported to have been taken off by another steamer.

DOUAUMONT STILL IN GERMANS' HANDS

French Fail in Five Heavy Assaults.

LOSSES ARE REPORTED LARGE

Berlin Tells of Capture of 15,-000 Unwounded Prisoners.

BOMBARD AIRMEN

frail skiff, made a perilous dash British Attack Repulsed South of Ypres; Teuton Aeroplane Squadrons Attack Camps of the Enemy in Flanders.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 37 .- Five end to one of the trees at the boat and troops to recapture from the Germans fort Douaumont, one of the outlying Verdun fortifications, were repulsed Hardaumount, as well as the town of Champneuville and the Cote de Talou. The number of unwounded Frenchman 15,000. The text of the German official statement follows:

"On various portions of the fron there were intense artillery and mine

"South of Ypres a British attack was repulsed.

Five Attacks By French Fall. "On the heights to the right of the Meuse the French attempted by attacks, repeated five times with fresh troops, tized at the Christian Church by Rev. to recapture the armored fortress of C. G. Scates, pastor of the church. Douaumont. They were repulstd with sanguinary losses.

nounced earthquake record was in- Talou, and have advanced as far as baptized and believes it is the record scribed on the horizontal seismograph Nave on the southern border of the for the state, "To the east of the fort we took by storm the extended fortified works of

"In the Woevre plain vigorous fighting is taking place on the German frontier, the battles extending as far as the

Cotes Lorraine. "According to information at present at hand the number of unwounded

Aeroplane Squadrons Active. "In Flanders our secoplane squadrons

repeated their attacks on the camp of "A bomb attack on Metz by enemy aviators resulted in the injury or death of eight civilians and seven soldiers Several houses were damaged. In the neighborhood of the fortress a French aeroplane was brought down in the aerial battle and by the bombardment of anti-aircraft guns. The occupants

who were captured." Kaiser's Counsel Prevails.

PETROGRAD, via London, Feb. 27 .-The Russky Invalid, the official organ (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1,)

HELP

POLICE

FORT DOUAMONT IS IN FRAGMENTS NOW

17-INCH AND 12-INCH SHELLS DEMOLISH STEEL WORKS.

Another Is Blown Up by Shot Pene trating to Magazine; Battle Extends Along Line.

LONDON, Feb. 28 .- (Special.)-The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing under yesterday

date, says: "A German correspondent says that the front of Fort Douamont was en tirely destroyed by the concentrated fire of the 17-inch and 12-inch guns which blew the steel and concrete cup las to fragments. One fort nearby was blown up by a high explosive shell which penetrated the magazine.

"Before the attack hundreds of German engineers had been making roads for conveyance of the 17-inch guns French prisoners, dazed, said, accord ing to the German correspondent, that SUICIDE the terriffe fir quickly made Doua

mont untenable. "As the great battle at Verdun reaches its climax, sympathetic activity is spreading over the entire front. Guns in Flanders are heard on the Dutch frontier. The British made local attacks in the region of Armentieres, but the fighting is mainly confined to

heavy artillery. "Enemy flying machines are out in great numbers. A very large battle plane mounting two guns was seen

leaving Zeebrugge. "The German newspapers received here today express the greatest confidence in the result at Verdun and are enthusicatic over the bravery of the

German troops. "The Koelnische Zeitung says: "The renowned Brandenburg regiment has added a bloody laurel to the wreaths on its colors. hown themselves worthy of their

fathers."

MAN, 85, BAPTIZED: RECORD Aaron Gardner Is Accompanied by

Daughter at Services.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 27 .- (Special.) Bidding for the baptismal age record of Oregon, Aaron Gardner, 85, was bap-

C. G. Scates, pastor of the church. The aged man was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Francis Rose, with SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 27.—The ob-servatory at Santa Clara reports a pro-have taken Campneuville, the Cote de Gardner is the oldest person he ever

DU PONT EARNINGS JUMP Increase of \$52,237,605 Over Total

of Year Previous Noted. Pont Nemours Powder Company, which the man was perfectly calm and coo has received numerous war orders from as he talked of the affair. the allied governments, earned a total of \$57,840,750 during the year ended December 31, 1915, according to its annual report made public Saturday. This is an increase of \$52,237,605 over its earnings the year previous.

TURKS ROUTED IN EGYPT South Africans Reported Victors in Engagement at Agagia.

LONDON, Feb. 27 .- A Turkish col-African troops yesterday at Agagia, Egypt, according to a British official statement issued tonight, and the state- the chest. nent adds that the fleeing Turks are being pursued.

UNCLE BEGINS TO SEE THE POINT.

MAN AND WIFE ARE

Neighbor Farmer Confesses Deed, at Jail.

HORSES UNHITCHED; KILLED

Slaying Laid to Old Dispute Over Fences and Stock.

ATTEMPT FAILS

M. D. Bousman, of Wilderville, Tells How He Waylaid Elderly Couple, Who Were Driving to Sunday School.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 27 .- (Spe ial.)-Lusher B. Akers, and his wife, Mrs. Elsie Akers, and their team of two horses were all shot and killed nes Wildersville, 12 miles from here, this 200 Men to Go Back to Work Today morning about 10 o'clock by a neighbor farmer, Marshall D. Bousman, 63 years

old. The slayer was lodged in fail here tonight, and confessed to the shooting. Bousman lay in ambush by the road-side as the Akers couple were driving to Sunday school. Without warning he

fired seven shots from a carbine. He then returned home, where he was ater taken into custody.

Sheriff Smith and Deputy Sheriff Denison, of Grants Pass, reached the cene at about 5:30 this evening. They found Bousman in his cabin, lying across the bed, with the 25-35 carbine, with which he had done the shooting lying by his side.

Bousman had taken laudanum in ar effort to commit suicide, but the drug ad only made him sick, The shooting is the culmination of neighbors' quarrel over boundary

ences, hogs at large and similar maters, of several years' duration. The trouble was not considered serious. Recently, however, Bousman's con duct was such that Prosecuting Atorney Miller wrote him a warning to

top quarreling, and leave the Akers amily alone. When interviewed in fail tonight, Bousman said this warning caused him to waylay the man and wife. Except that he was somewhat shaken from NEW YORK, Feb. 27 .- The E. I. Du the effects of the drug he had taken

"First thing I know I was shooting at them." he said.

the morning, the bodies were not discovered until evening, as the Akers, an elderly couple, lived on a road that is not much traveled. Their place is on the Applegate River, a few miles from

James Vinnegar, a laborer, passing by on his way to a mill where he is employed, found the dead couple about o'clock. He immediately gave the alarm. When found, the bodies were imn was attacked and routed by South lying about 10 feet apart, the man with his head partly shot away, and the woman with a bullet wound through INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS

The horses had been unhitched from (Concluded on Page 5, Column 2.)

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WOMAN, 85, DIES IN BURNING HOME MRS. FANNIE D. LATHAM IS VIC-

TIM AT TOLEDO, WASH.

Fire Destroys House of Son, With Whom Aged Mother Lived, When Family Is Absent

TOLEDO, Wash., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)

Mrs. Fannie D. Latham, 85 years old

was burned to death today, when the home of her son, A. H. Lathum, with whom she lived, was destroyed by fire Mr. Latham and wife left home a o'clock for a walk and about 4:30 neighbors saw smoke coming from the windows of the Latham residence o the edge of the town. On investigation the discovered that the interior was a mass of flames and although a promp hose laid to the house the fire was be

out. The presence of the elderly woman in the house was not even known to the neighbors until after the building was

yord control and quickly burned itself

destroyed. The victim was a pioneer of Lewis

County. The value of the building and con ents was \$2000, with \$600 insurance. Mr. Latham is at a loss to accoun for the blaze as there was no fire except in the kitchen stove and that was Lansing to Be Told Today Brita small one.

ST. JOHNS MILL TO OPEN

in Big Plant.

The St. Johns Lumber Company saw mill at St. Johns, with a capacity of storff to inform the United States 200,000 feet, will resume operation to- Government that the assurances reday with a crew of 200 men and with garding the future continuance of subevery prospect of extending soon to full capacity.

"We have a market inland for lumper now," said H. E. Pennell, vice president of the company, last night. The opening of the mill is regarded as an indication of further activity is other companies.

LYMAN CHOOSES SENTENCE Accused Swindler Insists on Serving

California Term. TAMPA, Fla., Peb. 27.—John Grant Lyman, wanted in New York for aleged misuse of the mails, which netted him more than \$300,000, remained in jail here tonight while Pederal auth ties awaited instructions from Wash-

ington as to what to do with him, Lyman insists he should serve out 15 months' sentence given him in California for operations similar to thos attributed to him in New York and objects to returning to the latter city,

them, he said.

Although the shooting took place in Mrs. Bennett Holmes Sustains Three Broken Ribs.

> ALBANY, Or., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)-Mrs. Bennett Holmes sustained three broken ribs last night when she was struck by an automobile while on her way from the city to North Albany. Officers are trying to determine who was driving the car, which is said to all armed merchant ships of the enchave been running at high speed with the big lamp in front extinguished.

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S - Maximum temperature, 55 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees.

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Armed Merchantmen to Be Treated as Wargnips.

SOME SUBMARINES AT SEA

assistance was rendered and a line of Washington Advised It Is Too Late to Postpone, Even if Berlin Willed.

ain Is Not Trusted, Having Broken Pledge.

The German government is understood to contend that armed merchant men, without regard to the nature of their armament, have shown themselves not to be peaceful and therefore subject to destruction without

Ambassador particularly to tell Secretary Lansing that British merchantmen armed ostensibly only for defense have not assumed the character of peaceful traders, but on the contrary, they carry guns for the especial purpose of attacking German submarines. To support this contention, the Berlin Foreign Office has sent the Ambassador, for presenta-AUTO HITS ALBANY WOMAN tion to the State Department, a list of at least 20 incidents where it asserted British merchant ships have

attacked submarines. Confidential advices received from Berlin say that German and Austrian submarine commanders already have received their new orders and that from midnight Tuesday they will be authorized to sink without warning mies of Germany.

Submarines Off on Voyages.

It was said also that many of the submarine commanders probably had rines. It was said, however, that so

While Count von Bernstorff and other officials of the German Embassy declined to discuss the instructions from Berlin in any way, it is believed the Ambasador will present them orally to Secretary Lansing tomorrow.

Reply Made to Request.

the United States for assurances regarding the conduct of submarine warfare in the future, occasioned by the memorandum announcing the intention of Germany to sink armed ships without warning, which the Administration considered to be inconsistent with the assurances previously

Regardless of the form in which the matter is presented to Secretary Lansing, the German Ambassador will lay much stress on the assurances regarding the arming of merchant ships which were given to the United States by Great Britain in a memorandum signed by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

25, 1914.

"I have been instructed at the same time by His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to give the United States Government the fullest assurances that British merchant vessels will never be used for purposes of attack; that they are merely peaceful traders, armed only for defense and that they will in hever fire unless first fired upon, and

BERNSTORFF GETS REPLY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Germany has instructed Count von Bernmarine warfare, given in the Lusitania and Arabia cases, still are binding, but that they apply only to marchantmen of a peaceful character.

List of Incidents Given. The instructions direct the German

left their bases on voyages and that even should the United States request TODAY'S-Fair; winds becoming southerly. the postponement of the opening of the campaign, it would be impossible to get word to many of the submafar neither the United States or any other nation had asked for a postponement.

Count von Bernstorff received his instructions in reply to a request from

the British Ambassador, on August

British Ambassador Quoted. In this the British Ambassador

wrote:

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