

GERMANY DENIES SINKING SUSSEX

Sketch of Attacked Vessel Part of Reply.

OTHERS ADMITTED, JUSTIFIED

Tanker, Like Berwindvale, Is Said to Have Tried to Escape in Darkness.

IDENTITY IS NOT CERTAIN

Berlin Says Rules of Sea Warfare Were Followed in Each Instance.

BERLIN, April 12.—Germany's reply to the inquiries of the American Government regarding the steamers Sussex, Manchester Engineer, Englishman, Berwindvale and Eagle Point, signed by Gottlieb von Jagow, the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been forwarded to Washington by Ambassador Gerard.

The note denies that the Sussex was attacked by a German submarine. The investigation covering the Sussex case says the note was extended to all actions undertaken on March 24—the day of the Sussex incident—in the Channel between Folkestone and Dieppe. One steamer was sunk, the commander of the German submarine reaching the definite conclusion that it was a war vessel.

Sketch Is Inclosed.

A sketch of this vessel, together with photographic reproductions of a picture of the Sussex printed in the London Daily Graphic, were inclosed with the note, the difference in the two craft being indicated.

The steamers Englishman and Eagle Point were sunk by German submarines after they had attempted to escape and time was allowed for the withdrawal of those aboard.

The steamer Berwindvale was possibly sunk by a German submarine, while definite details with respect to the Manchester Engineer are lacking and there has been no sufficient basis for investigation of this particular case.

Full Text of Note.

The full text of the German reply is:

"The undersigned has the honor to inform Your Excellency, Ambassador Gerard, in response to communications of the 29th and 30th ult., and the 3d inst. regarding the steamers Sussex, Manchester Engineer, Englishman, Berwindvale and Eagle Point that the mentioned cases, in accordance with our notes of the 30th and 31st ult. and the 4th and 6th inst., have been subject to careful investigation by the Admiralty Staff of the navy, which has led to the following results:

Berwindvale Takes Flight.

"First—The English steamer Berwindvale. A steamer which was possibly the Berwindvale was encountered on the evening of March 16 in sight of Bull Rock light, on the Irish coast, by a German submarine. The steamer, as soon as she noticed the submarine, which was running unsummersed, turned and steamed away. She was ordered to halt by a warning shot. She paid no attention, however, to this warning, but extinguished all lights and attempted to escape.

"The vessel was then fired on until halted, and, without further orders, lowered several boats. After the crew entered the boats and received enough time to row away, the ship was sunk.

Name Not Established.

"The name of this steamer was not established; it cannot be stated with assurance, even with the help of the details which were furnished by the American Embassy, that the above-described incident concerns the steamer Berwindvale. Since, however, the steamer sunk was a tank steamer like the Berwindvale, the identity of the ship may be assumed. In this case, however, the statement made that the Berwindvale was torpedoed without warning would conflict with the facts.

Vessel Held Mine Layer.

"Second, the British steamer Englishman. The steamer, on March 24, was called upon to halt by a German

MORGENTHAU MAY QUIT TO AID WILSON

AMBASSADOR TALKS OF STAYING HOME FOR CAMPAIGN.

Work at Constantinople Has Been Highly Satisfactory—Abram Elkus May Be Successor.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Henry Morgenthau, American Ambassador to Turkey, is expected to submit his resignation to President Wilson tomorrow. He would not discuss reports of his forthcoming resignation directly, but said he might not return to Constantinople next month, as he planned.

The President has been greatly pleased with the work done by Mr. Morgenthau in Turkey, and if his resignation is accepted it will be with reluctance. Ever since the Ambassador's return to the United States some of his friends have been urging him to resign in order to assist in the campaign for the re-election of Mr. Wilson.

It has been suggested that Mr. Morgenthau succeed Rolla Wells, of St. Louis, as treasurer of the Democratic National committee.

Ira Nelson Morris, at present American Minister to Sweden, has been proposed to the President by Senator Lewis of Illinois, for the Constantinople post.

5 DAYS MORE TO REGISTER

Total for Yesterday Is 1379, of Which 743 Are Women.

Women voters again outstripped the men yesterday in the second heaviest registration of the year. Officially, 1379 voters registered, of which number 636 were men and 743 women. Yesterday brought the registration for the year to 59,913.

The auxiliary registration booths that had been opened about the city by County Clerk Coffey closed last night, and all late comers must register at the Courthouse, where the bureau will remain open until 9 o'clock every night until April 18, only five weekdays away.

MISS WILSON BACKS BILL

Community Forums in Schools Are Urged on House Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, before a House committee today advocated a bill to permit the use of the District of Columbia schoolhouses for community forums. The measure has aroused opposition, particularly in the local school board.

"We are maintaining," Miss Wilson said, "that a meeting of citizens is as important as a meeting of their representatives, and it should have the same machinery with which to work as Congress."

SPOTTED FEVER IS FOUGHT

Spread of Epidemic in Grant Is Traced to Ground Squirrel.

BAKER, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—Renewed efforts in the fight against the ground squirrel will be made by the ranchers to keep down the spotted-fever epidemic that is traveling over Grant County and at the western edge of Baker County.

E. F. Averill, of the United States Biological Survey, gave out the word while here today that the sage tick that causes spotted fever depends on the squirrel for its existence. Ranchers have been fighting the rodent because of its damage to crops.

VOTER REGISTERS AS WHIG

Echo Man Refuses to Consider Any Other Party Affiliation.

PENDLETON, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—The Whig party has a follower in Umattila County, O. D. Teel, a prominent Echo man, who registered during the week and refused to consider any other party affiliation despite the fact that he will not be able to vote at the primary election and that his party has been out of style for some years.

COAST SURVEY IS BEGUN

Fleet Already Dispatched for Work in Alaskan Waters.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Coast and Geodetic Survey announced today the dispatch of a surveying fleet to Alaskan waters for coast survey and wire-drag work.

Three of the survey vessels have left the Pacific Coast to work in Clarence and Sumner Straits and waters tributary and on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island.

HORSE BUYING RESUMED

British Army Officers Appear Again in Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—British army officers resumed the purchase of horses in the Kansas City market today after a lapse of six months.

It was announced also that 600 mules had been shipped from here to Newport News to be loaded for Europe.

MORE TROOPS TO BE SENT INTO MEXICO

Supply Problem Over-shadows Pursuit.

MILITIA IS NOT TO BE USED

Authority Says President Is Not to Call Guard.

VILLISTAS SACK TOWN

El Paso Receives Report That Villa Himself Was at Sierra Majada on April 5, Having Doubled in His Tracks.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Further increase of the United States forces in Mexico is again prominent in official consideration. It was learned tonight that on the return here tomorrow of Secretary Baker from Cleveland there might be important developments.

In this connection it was officially said that General Pershing's future movements in the hunt for Villa would include adequate preparation for any eventuality.

Confidential advices were received late today from General Funston, understood to refer to the question of the line of communication.

Concern of Army officials on the border regarding movement of Carranza troops towards Casas Grandes was reflected to some extent in official quarters here tonight. It was officially stated that General Funston had complete authority for any movement of troops on the border to safeguard the United States' advance columns and their lines.

Persistent report that use of the National Guard was contemplated drew a statement on high authority that the President was not considering such a step.

The problem of maintaining General Pershing's lines and transportation of supplies tonight overshadowed the actual pursuit of Villa. Neither the State nor the War Department had any further information regarding rumors of Villa's death. The report was scouted in all official quarters as a futile hoax to gain time for Villa.

Direct Shipment Made.

It was said that the use of the Mexican Central or National Railway, from Juarez, as well as the Mexican Northern line, might largely solve transportation problems. The first use of the Mexican Central was made yesterday, and shipment was understood here to have been made for the first time by an American official direct, without resorting to the subterfuge of consigning through brokers or mining concerns.

Officials asserted that use of the Mexican Central road was not formally requested by this Government from the de facto government. It was explained, however, that objection by Carranza to this "commercial" use of the Mexican

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DUFUR VOTES NEW SCHOOL

District Will Expend \$12,000 in Construction of Building.

DUFUR, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—The patrons of School District No. 29 voted to issue \$12,000 in bonds for a new school building at the election today. The vote was nearly unanimous.

The school directors have adopted plans drawn by Architect Charles H. Burgraff, of Albany. Construction, it is hoped, will commence not later than June 1, next. The new building will have accommodation for domestic and manual training departments.

ESCAPING MAN LOCKS JAIL

Man Who Replaced Broken Padlock With New One Is Retaken.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 12.—The Sheriff found a brand new padlock on the county jail front door today. Loren Kreigh, a prisoner, was gone. The old lock was destroyed from the outside, but Kreigh before his final leavetaking, saw to it that all the other prisoners were safe behind the new lock.

Kreigh was captured later by a Deputy Sheriff.

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ROOSEVELT GETS 2 VOTES IN ILLINOIS

Old Friends, However, Stay Home.

HARLAN NEARLY VICTORIOUS

Colonel Declares "More in Race than Ever."

RETURNS ARE ANALYZED

Mr. Harlan Himself Says Result Indicates That T. R. Has Gone Into Republican Camp and Won Over Thousands.

CHICAGO, April 12.—(Special.)—Medill McCormick continued to hold his lead today as the high man in the Sherman state of eight delegates at large who won in the Republican primary yesterday. John Maynard Harlan, who made a lone race flying the Roosevelt standard, however, made a good showing and nearly broke the slate.

As it was, Mr. Harlan beat four of the Sherman eight in Cook County and it was the downstate territory that kept him from going to the Republican National convention as a Roosevelt champion from the state at large.

Trio Will Support Roosevelt.

City Treasurer Sergel, in the Second District, and City Clerk Siman, in the Sixth, are the two who break into the delegation of 58 to the Coliseum convention. They will support Colonel Roosevelt, cutting down the Sherman vote to 56.

On the Democratic end, Roger C. Sullivan carried through Robert E. Burke unopposed and the Sullivan men believe the complete returns from the state will show all of their eight won. If this is true Michael Zimmer, who appears elected on incomplete figures, will be defeated. Governor Duane was on both the Sullivan and the Harrison slates. Incomplete figures indicate that Mr. Burke has defeated ex-Mayor Harrison, whose campaign manager he was in the days of Harrison ascendancy.

T. R. in Race, Says Harlan.

Mr. Harlan insists the vote of yesterday puts Colonel Roosevelt more strongly in the race than ever. The significant thing to him is that the Harlan vote seems to have come from the old line Republicans in Illinois, said Mr. Harlan today, after analyzing a table of returns by counties. "That means that Colonel Roosevelt has gone into the 'stand pat' camp and won over thousands on thousands of Republicans who in 1912 were for Taft and against Roosevelt."

"If one takes time to examine the returns he will find that the so-called Roosevelt strongholds, with possibly one or two exceptions, returned a plurality vote for the Sherman delegates

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BRITISH TO DINE ON OREGON ONIONS

ORDER FOR 8000 TONS FOR "HOT MULLIGANS" GIVEN.

Contracted Supplies Are Moving to Seattle for Transfer to English Army in France.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—To be used ultimately as the chief ingredients in hot "mulligans" for the British soldiers in the trenches in Northeastern France, between 8000 and 9000 tons of California and Oregon onions and carrots have begun to move from Seattle under contracts recently placed by the Lader Vegetable Cannery, of Lader, B. C.

The first consignment of the new order was carried from Seattle last week by the motor freighter Wakena, of the Clatskanie Transportation Company. The Wakena is now loading another shipment.

The orders were placed in California and Oregon after the Lader plant had exhausted the available supply of Western Washington. The vegetables are brought from California to Seattle by the coastwise liners. Most of the Oregon shipments came to this port by rail.

The Wakena is a twin-screw freighter, with gasoline engines. Although owned in Portland, she has operated on Puget Sound for a long time.

OLD BURIAL PROMISE KEPT

Alaskan Brings Back Body of Wife to Oregon Girlhood Home.

SHERIDAN, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—A sad journey from the frozen North terminated here yesterday, when William T. Foster arrived from Fairbanks, Alaska, with the body of his wife for burial. Four hundred and thirty miles of the trip was made by sleds over the wind-swept freight trails in 36 days.

Mrs. Foster was the daughter of Oregon pioneers of 1847. Mr. Foster is a pioneer miner and prospector of Alaska, and when he and Mrs. Foster went North in 1899, a promise was exacted that in case of the death of Mrs. Foster her body was to be brought back to her childhood home for burial. She died at Fairbanks, March 6, 1916, at the age of 52.

CIGAR COUPONS MAY END

With Some States Prohibiting Gifts, Plan Becomes Lottery.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Manufacturers of snuff, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes face leaving out gift cards and premium coupons altogether or putting them in all shipments, including those to states which have passed laws prohibiting the practice.

The Treasury Department, in an order made public today, holds that unless such cards or coupons are included in all shipments regardless of destination, the practice comes within the law forbidding lotteries because consumers in localities where premiums are omitted would not have the same opportunity to obtain valuable prizes as those in more favored localities.

ASSURANCE GIVEN HOLLAND

France Says Allies Never Planned to Violate Neutrality.

THE HAGUE, via London, April 12.—The French Minister to Holland, on behalf of France, has given Holland the assurance that neither France nor her allies ever contemplated, directly or indirectly, attacking the neutrality of Holland or the inviolability of its territory, says a communication issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today.

The assurance adds that the recent conference of the allies in Paris did not occupy itself with Holland at all.

FRENCH TO FIX PRICES

Discussion of List of Articles to Be Included Continues.

PARIS, April 12.—The French Senate has just adopted the principle of fixing by degrees the maximum selling prices of necessities of life. The discussion as to what articles shall be included in the regulations has not yet ended.

The government proposes to fix the prices of the following articles: Bread, meat, milk, butter, imitation butter, eggs, lard, potatoes, sugar, cheese, green vegetables, wine, cider, table beer, fertilizers, petroleum and alcohol for burning purposes.

HEAD JANITOR PATRIOTIC

City Council Decorated With Flags as "These Are Troublous Times."

Head Janitor Simmons is patriotic. He demonstrated his patriotism yesterday by decorating the City Council Chamber with American flags. The decorations were put up to stay.

"These are troublous times," said Mr. Simmons, "and times when patriotism is needed. I feel that display of American flags in public places is in the interest of patriotism."

CASH ACTUAL CONTRABAND

All Negotiable Instruments Are Included in List.

LONDON, April 12.—A royal proclamation was issued tonight extending the list of articles which hereafter will be treated as actual contraband.

Included in the list are gold, silver and paper money and negotiable instruments and realizable securities.

DANIELS PROMISES SUBMARINE BASE

Secretary Is Willing if Cash Is Supplied.

ACTION URGED ON CONGRESS

Full Naval Base on Columbia May Come Later.

INQUIRY WILL BE MADE

Oregon Delegation and Astoria Representative Call at Navy Department to Ask Support for Defense Project.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 12.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today promised the Oregon Congressional delegation that he would locate a submarine base on the Columbia River if Congress would incorporate in the naval appropriation bill a lump sum appropriation which he has recommended for the establishment of several such bases at points to be selected by the Navy Department.

He further said he was urging Congress to authorize the appointment of a special naval board to investigate the entire Pacific Coast with a view to determining its needs in the way of naval defense and land stations. If this board is authorized, the Secretary gave assurance that it would make particular investigation of the Columbia River to determine the availability of that point as the location of a full naval base.

Board's Report to Be Guide.

The department, he said, would be guided by the report of the board, which it is proposed shall submit its findings not later than December 1.

As the result of an agreement reached at dinner last night, the entire Oregon delegation met F. C. Harley, of the naval base committee, at Secretary Daniels' office today and in a body waited on the Secretary to explain the grounds on which they are asking for a naval base, and to urge departmental support. The Secretary, after hearing the arguments, committed himself to the extent indicated, but said the department would not ask for appropriation of the naval appropriation bill in the House of Representatives until after the investigation and report of a special board.

Secretary's Eyes Opened.

Secretary Daniels again expressed deep interest in the Columbia River, but manifestly his eyes were opened by statements made to him today by the delegation from Oregon. Mr. Harley read to the Secretary the telegram from the Portland Chamber of Commerce and explained the widespread interest throughout the Northwest in this project. The Senators and Representatives dwelt on the facilities afforded and impressed on the Secretary the fact that there is strong sentiment back of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and explained the widespread interest throughout the Northwest in this project. The Senators and Representatives dwelt on the facilities afforded and impressed on the Secretary the fact that there is strong sentiment back of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and explained the widespread interest throughout the Northwest in this project.

In the course of the hearing Senator Chamberlain alluded to the recent assertion of the Secretary of the Navy that the channel was but 26 feet deep and the resentment this statement created. The Secretary said he knew that an error had been made and, without disclaiming responsibility, inferred the error was made by subordinates.

Representative Hawley and Mr. Harley will adhere to their plan to have a hearing before the House naval committee as soon as the naval appropriation bill is reported and Mr. Harley also will ask that a date be set when he can appear before the Senate committee.

"I am determined to take home the bacon," said Mr. Harley, after the conference.

WALLA WALLA ADDS PLEA

Commercial Club Urges Support for Naval Base Movement.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—The Commercial Club tonight telegraphed to Senators W. L. Jones and Miles Poindexter and the Congressional delegation in Washington, D. C., strongly urging support for the proposed naval base at the mouth of the Columbia. This base is needed for the protection of the Pacific Northwest, the message declares. The telegram follows:

"We heartily indorse the movement initiated by Astoria and Portland for a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia. The location is a strategic key for the protection of the Pacific Northwest. Preparedness programs should include this necessary improvement. Trust you will use your influence to bring about desired legislation."

SIXTH TELEGRAM DISPATCHED

Democratic and Republican Leaders Unite in Naval-Base Plea.

The sixth telegram of the series to the Oregon Congressional delegation, urging support of a naval base of the first class at the mouth of the Columbia River, contained the names of Bert E. Haney, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, and

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