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SUBMARINE ISSUE NOT YET SETTLED

Food Situation Makes New German Opinion.

ANOTHER CRISIS PREDICTED

Renewal of "Sink on Sight" Method Is Probable.

LANSING IS CRITICISED

Berlin Thinks Administration, if Actuated by Humanitarian Motives, Will Insist That Allies Moderate Blockade.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(Special.)—The submarine question with Germany is not finally settled, in spite of recent assurances of the Berlin government.

This is the conviction in diplomatic Washington, based on advices received here regarding the views prevailing among officials of the German government. It is predicted that not much time will elapse before another crisis occurs as a result of operations by German submarines which this government may hold to be in violation of the pledges made.

German Opinion Presses.

There is not the slightest doubt that Germany desires to remain at peace with the United States. Also there is not the slightest doubt also that the food situation within the empire, which has become serious, is creating public opinion that is bound to influence the policy of the Berlin government.

A painful impression was created in German circles by the declarations of Secretary Lansing that the Administration would not act in its ultimatum of lifting of the allied blockade of the Teutonic powers on the threat of Germany that unless such action were taken there would be a reversion to the "sink on sight" methods. It has been pointed out that in his ultimatum of April 18 President Wilson sought to speak not only for the United States and other neutral nations, but for non-combatants of the allied states.

Wilson Severely Criticized.

Germany now desires that Mr. Lansing shall speak for her non-combatants as well as those of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. Her regard for it just as inhuman to starve men, women and children as for such persons to be drowned on the high seas. If the President is the humanitarian he asserts he is, Germany contends, then she asks why does he not act as strongly in opposition to the policy of the allies, which is designed to bring her to her knees by starving her non-fighting population?

The suggestion has been made, and doubtless has received consideration in Berlin, that after a time, and when convinced the United States has not acted against the allies, Germany shall notify this government that she is prepared to continue her humane policy against all ships carrying Americans as passengers or among the crew, but that she reserves the right to destroy on sight any freighter which flies an enemy flag and which is manned by an enemy crew.

Grave Portent Seen.

Probably Germany will pursue this policy in any event. The grave danger of such a notice, however, lies in the fact that an American may be on a ship so destroyed by tomorrow as might have the effect of strengthening the case against the German government and forcing the President to the extreme step he threatened—rupture of diplomatic relations.

A pleasing indication of Germany's purpose to observe the terms of the country is found by the officials in the rumors emanating from Berlin that the commander of the submarine which torpedoed the Sussex has received a real punishment for his violation of the Admiralty's instructions. It is expected that the Panama government will report to the State Department the exact penalty imposed.

Real Punishment Desired.

Should this be merely a reprimand, undoubtedly the President will direct that a protest be lodged. What is desired by the Administration is that the officer be punished so severely that the lesson will be driven home to every submarine commander. From the beginning this government has taken the view that the destroyer of the Sussex should be executed. There is not the slightest ground for believing that any such penalty has been or will be visited upon him. But at least, it is argued, he should be dismissed from the naval service and not permitted to resume arms in defense of his country.

So far as to violations of international law by the allies are concerned, when the Administration is satisfied that the modification of the German submarine policy is permanent, vigorous representations will be made to Great Britain and France to force them to abandon the kind of blockade they are maintaining. The recent reply of these governments to the protest submitted last Fall does not in any way meet the views of the United States. It may be expected that the communication to be sent will be couched in emphatic language and will close with

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FARMER KILLED ON FIRST MOTOR TRIP

RELATIVES INJURED WHEN CAR PLUNGES OFF BRIDGE.

Infant, Missing After Accident, Is Found, Absolutely Unhurt, Under Log Where It Had Rolled.

ALBANY, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Clarence Koon, 59, a farmer residing two miles north of Junction City, was instantly killed when he drove his auto, containing five other persons, through the fall of a small bridge and plunged into a deep gulch, about two miles from Peoria, Or., about 10 o'clock this morning.

It was Mr. Koon's first attempt to make a road trip. His wife was seriously injured. His son and the latter's wife received minor injuries, and their two small children escaped. The youngest, an infant of but a few months, could not be found for some time after the accident. Finally, it was located, absolutely unhurt, where it had rolled under the edge of a log.

Two men at a nearby farmhouse saw the car come down a small hill and go through the rail at about the center of the bridge spanning a dry gulch. They ran to give assistance. Mr. Koon was found to have had his neck broken. The car had fallen on its side.

The injured were taken to local hospitals. The wife of the elder Mr. Koon is believed injured internally, but had no broken bones.

Coroner Fortmiller and Dr. Davis, of this place, went to the scene of the accident, and decided no inquest was necessary.

Mr. Koon had recently purchased the car, and this morning started out on his first long trip, intending to drive to Peoria, cross the river there, and visit some friends in Benton County.

SHERMAN BUILDING HOPE ON DEADLOCK

Illinoisian Making Serious Campaign.

HUGHES BELIEVED IN RACE

Justice Expected to Enter No Objections.

BOOM MANAGER ARRIVES

Chauncey M. Depew Thinks There Is Chance for Fairbanks—Local Managers in Chicago Are Exceedingly Busy.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(Special.)—Senator Sherman and his friends conferred today concerning details of his campaign for the Presidential nomination. They also met with friends of Mr. Weeks and Mr. Burton. William J. Calhoun and S. D. Rosenfeld came from Chicago to see the Senator, and Representative McKinley was called into the conference.

It is understood the managers for other favorite sons were interviewed by Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Rosenfeld. The Sherman leaders feel confident they have an excellent opportunity to get the nomination for Illinois' favorite son and are laying plans to win votes from other candidates when the latter shall become convinced they have no chance to win.

Precautions Taken Against Stampedes.

The leaders are taking precautions, also, to prevent a stampedede of the convention to any candidate and to force a general tryout of the strength of each candidate.

Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, delegate from that state to the convention, who is here, gave it as his opinion that the selection be delayed through failure to get a majority early in the balloting by reason of a favorite son vote, the processes of elimination of candidates would lead finally to a fight over Roosevelt, Hughes and Root, because of his age and former legal associations, and to Justice Hughes for some other reason.

Fairbanks Thought Possibility.

In such event, he suggests the convention might go to Fairbanks.

Mr. Depew has served as delegate to all but two Republican conventions since 1867, and has been interested in all the campaigns since that year. He would not predict how New York would go finally in the coming Chicago convention, but said he did not think the delegation could be stampedede under any condition.

Local managers here for the various Republican campaigns have been busy

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WRECKAGE FROM SHIP IS MYSTERY

DISASTER OFF GRAYS HARBOR INDICATED BY DRIFT.

No Vessel Reported Lost, but Residents on Beach Recall Fire Seen at Sea.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Wreckage from some unknown vessel has been coming ashore since last Tuesday along the beach northward from Damon Point at the north side of the entrance to Grays Harbor, according to word just brought to the city by people living on the beach. This fact, coupled with what appeared to be a fire at sea, which beach residents saw Monday, is believed to indicate a disaster off the Grays Harbor entrance.

A heavy southwest gale was blowing both last Monday and Tuesday, being particularly heavy the last day. Monday afternoon people living along the beach near Oyeah, about three miles north of the harbor entrance, noticed a smoke cloud at sea, apparently some 15 or 20 miles out. It remained in about the same position, and at times, by the aid of powerful glasses, watchers thought they could distinguish the masts of a sailing vessel. The smoke finally, toward evening, was blotted out by fog.

Tuesday, with the gale at its height and with a heavy sea running, wreckage began to be cast up on the beach. This included some case goods, two rocking chairs, both crated; a trunk of clothing and parts of what appeared to be the hull of a ship. There was nothing to indicate what ship the wreckage might have come from.

No reports of a marine disaster have been received here.

SOCIAL CONFERENCE COMPLETES LABORS

Resolutions on Every Body Statutory Needs.

LAW FOR DEFECTIVES URGED

Wider Use of Indeterminate Sentences Favored.

INDIFFERENCE IS DEPLORED

Necessity for Public Interest in Securing Welfare Legislation Is Strongly Dwelt On—Permanent Body Advocated.

Resolutions containing the gist of those matters of social welfare which have been occupying the time and attention of the Oregon State Conference of Social Agents during its recent sessions at Reed College were adopted by unanimous vote of the delegates at their final meeting yesterday afternoon.

Ben Selling, chairman of the resolutions committee, submitted the measures to the conference and they were read to the delegates by Arthur C. Newell. It was first resolved to express the gratitude of the conference to the trustees, president, faculty and students of Reed College for their support of the conference and the use of the college buildings; to the Oregon Welfare Commission for the loan of their exhibit; to the various committees and speakers for their helpful service and to the press for its support.

Permanent Body Urged.

Secondly, it was resolved that steps should be taken to organize the conference into a permanent federation of all the social agencies of Oregon, so that by united cooperation they might better be able to forward social welfare.

The third resolution dealt with the question of feeble-mindedness, and read: "Whereas, It has been scientifically demonstrated that feeble-mindedness is invariably transmitted from parents to offspring, and, whereas, it is recognized that mentally defective persons are unable to conduct themselves with ordinary prudence and foresight and are almost certain to become state charges as paupers, delinquents or criminals; Be it resolved, That the Oregon State Conference of Social Agencies favors a law for the commitment of the feeble-minded to permanent custodial care."

Community Property Favored.

Next it was resolved that the conference should favor "the enactment of a community property law for Oregon, providing that husband and wife be joint owners of property acquired after marriage."

On the subject of health insurance it was suggested that the conference favor "the discussion and criticism of various plans providing for health insurance."

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FRANCE WANTS FOE TO ASK FOR PEACE

RE SAYS NATION WANTS TO OFFER FROM GERMANY.

So Long as Enemies Will Not Recognize Themselves Vanquished Conflict Will Go On.

NANCY, May 14.—President Poincaré, in an address here today, responded to Germany's suggestion regarding peace, contained in the German reply to the American note.

"France does not want Germany to tender peace," said the President, "but wants her adversary to ask for peace."

"France," he continued, "will not expose her sons to the dangers of new aggressions. The central empire, beset by remorse for having brought on the war and terrified by the indignities and hatred they have stirred up in mankind, are trying today to make the world believe that the entente allies alone are responsible for the prolongation of hostilities—a dull irony which will decay no one."

"Neither directly nor indirectly have our enemies offered us peace. But we do not want them to offer it to us; we want them to ask it of us. We do not want to submit to their conditions; we want to impose ours on them. We do not want a peace which would leave imperial Germany with the power to recommence the war and keep Europe eternally menaced."

"So long as that peace is not assured to us; so long as our enemies will not recognize themselves as vanquished, we will not cease to fight."

FORWARD LEAP IS SHOWN IN TRADE

Lumber Industry Revival Effect Marked.

BANK CLEARINGS REVEAL GAIN

Portland Listed for First Time in Years in 'Favorable' Zone.

RECORDS OF OLD BROKEN

Wonderful Increase in Mills Yet to Be Counted—Shipbuilding Will Bring Added Business—Bankers Give Prohibition Credit.

For the first time in more than three years, authoritative reports of trade conditions in the United States show that Portland is in the "favorable" zone.

This situation is said to be almost entirely due to the revival of the lumber trade, which is the basis for approximately 60 per cent of the city's commercial and industrial activity.

Improvement of the lumber market likewise reflects itself in almost every other line of business.

Indicative of the present steady expansion is the volume of bank clearings in Portland, which, for the week ended Saturday, aggregated \$12,217,994—an increase of more than \$3,000,000 over the corresponding week of 1915. The clearings for the same week last year were \$10,024,511.

Even Record of 4 Years Ago Passed.

But the true significance of the bank figures is revealed only by going back into the records for three or four years. The volume of banking business now is the greatest in the history of the city. The record has not even been approached, excepting in the year 1912, when business here was fairly good. For four years, up to 1912, the bank clearings in Portland increased steadily year by year. Then they started to drop down, little by little, going off a shade every year.

But the present revival not only has overcome all the losses of the last four years, but has far exceeded the records of four years ago. The clearings for the week of 1912 corresponding with last week were only \$11,510,411—nearly \$1,000,000 below this year's figures.

Prohibition Said to Be Factor.

In casting up figures on the banking business it must be remembered, too, that clearings necessarily are adversely affected by the mergers of important banks in the last two years. The consolidation two years ago of the Security and the First National stimulated a large volume of business in the clearing-house. Checks that formerly passed from either of those banks to the other were handled through the clearing-house and their value was reflected in the figures.

Similarly the purchase of the Merchants' National by the Northwestern National last Fall has had a tendency to cut down the clearing-house totals. Were the Security Bank and the Merchants' National continuing in business, it is probable that the bank clearings would be fully \$1,000,000 for last week instead of \$1,500,000.

Bankers are firm in the belief that prohibition has helped not only their business, but business generally, and to a marked degree.

Portland bankers lay firm hopes for future business activity in the continued expansion of the lumber market. The present lively tone, they say, is merely the forerunner of even better times that are to come. It is pointed out that the lumber revival has been apparent only since the first of the year.

Orders Swamp Mills.

The mills now are working on orders received since the first of the year. In fact, the orders have been coming in so heavily that some plants have been unable to fill them all. Returns from this business have not yet made themselves felt. The money has not yet come back. It should begin circulation here within the next three months, bankers say.

Every important mill in the Portland territory now is operating at full capacity. A few, in fact, are working night and day. Most of the big mills up the state also are running steadily. The lumber market continues firm, and demand for mill products is growing every day, and operators look forward to a long—almost indefinite—period of activity.

Another hopeful angle in the local situation is the improvement in the livestock market. Cattle and sheep are bringing excellent prices, and farmers are encouraged.

To handle the increasing business both the Union Stock Yards and the Union Meat Company are preparing to add substantially to their present yard and building equipment.

Grain Crop May Be Less.

The volume of wheat production in the Northwest will be materially lower, though, this year than last year. Bad weather prevented the farmers last Fall from putting out their usual acreage. This loss was partially overcome, however, this Spring by an increased acreage of spring wheat land. But the aggregate production, it is estimated, will be fully 20 per cent below that of

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RACE WITH DEATH IS LOST

Grant County Commissioner Dies While Wife Is on Way.

BAKER, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Death won the 50-mile race with Mrs. Joseph Putnam, of Monument, to the best of her husband, County Commissioner of Grant County, who died last night at home of Ala O. Mosier, in Canyon City, after an illness of nine days with spotted fever, caused by a snake tick bite.

When it was realized yesterday afternoon that Mr. Putnam's life was in danger, word was sent to Mrs. Putnam and she started at once, but the automobile broke down.

Mr. Putnam is survived by his widow and three children, Mrs. Clyde van Bibber, now in St. Elizabeth's Hospital here, suffering from a broken leg; and by C. P. Putnam, and Mrs. M. Hewlett, of the Monument country.

JURORS OBSERVE SUNDAY

No Ballot Taken by Men Who Hold Fate of David Caplan.

LOS ANGELES, May 14.—No verdict was reported today by a jury which retired before noon yesterday in the trial of David Caplan for murder, as a result of the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building, October 1, 1910.

W. H. Evans, a juror whose illness yesterday from indigestion interrupted the jury's deliberations, required a physician again today for the same ailment. No ballot was taken today.

It was expected the jury would not resume balloting until tomorrow.

WILSON'S VACATION ENDED

President Much Improved in Health by Outing.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 14.—President Wilson ended his week-end vacation to this vicinity tonight and departed on the naval yacht Mayflower for Washington, where he is due early tomorrow.

His physical condition has been much improved by the outing.

ZEPPELIN IS DESTROYED

Copenhagen Reports Airship Brought Down Off Norway.

LONDON, May 14.—The destruction of another Zeppelin is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

It is said the Zeppelin was brought down off the west coast of Norway and that three British destroyers went in pursuit of it.

CLAMS BRING TOP PRICES

Grays Harbor Reports Scarcity and Season Extension Is Asked.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—The highest prices ever paid by the Grays Harbor canneries for razor clams are now being paid the diggers, \$2.50 a hundred pounds, with another rise of 25 cents probable. The price is due to a scarcity of clams this year, which has been caused by a number of reasons.

As a result of the conditions brought on by a late season, cannery operators and clam makers are making representations to the state authorities in an effort to get the open season extended three weeks, or until June 21.

THREE CYCLISTS INJURED

R. E. Darnell, Wife and Daughter Thrown by Auto Collision.

Three motorcyclists were injured last night in a collision between an automobile driven by J. M. Grant and a motorcycle operated by R. E. Darnell at Front and Meade streets.

The injured were R. E. Darnell, 441 East Twelfth street, hurt about legs; Mrs. Darnell, knee hurt and possibly fractured; Virginia Darnell, their small daughter, broken leg. All the Darnells were on the same motorcycle.

Mr. Grant was driving the machine, and with him were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sherlock. They all live at 337 1/2 Fourth street.

DOMINICANS HEED WARNING

Santo Domingo Evacuated on Threat of American Minister.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, May 14.—The warning of the American Minister, W. W. Russell, that the city of Santo Domingo would be taken by force unless it was given up by the rebels not later than Sunday morning resulted in the evacuation of the city last night.

The rebel leaders, soldiers and rural guards stripped the fort of guns and war materials and withdrew from the city, leaving the civil police in charge. They notified Mr. Russell of their withdrawal.

PANAMA POLICE TO DISARM

Isthmian Government to Comply With Demand Unwillingly.

PANAMA, May 14.—William K. Price, the American Minister, today delivered to the Panama government the final demand for the surrender of 1200 rifles used by the Panama National Police. The disarmament of the police force has been sought on account of riots which resulted in the deaths of Americans.

It is understood the administration is opposed to the surrender of the rifles, but will deliver up the arms tomorrow under protest.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU, MR. VOTER.

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