



TORPEDO CRAFT IN NORTH SEA BATTLE

British Admit Loss of One of Vessels.

7 GERMANS REPORTED SUNK

London, However, Officially Claims Only One of Foe.

ACCOUNTS OF FIGHT VARY

Teuton Flotilla Said to Have Been Attempting to Leave Zebruggo to Avoid Ice When Attacked by Large Squadron.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Reports from Ymuiden received by Reuters' Telegram Company at Amsterdam say that German torpedo boats last night attempted to leave Zebruggo to avoid the ice, which was exceedingly thick. They were immediately attacked by a large British squadron.

The action opened at short range and early in the fight the bridge of the German destroyer V-69 was swept away by a direct hit, the commander and two other officers being killed.

The British destroyer was lost, also, in another engagement.

The V-69 fired one torpedo and was then hit by another British shell, which knocked the funnel flat on the deck. Still another shell put a hole in the fore part of the vessel. Her guns appear not to have been damaged. The crew of the V-69 numbered about 60.

Other Germans Reported Sunk.

It would appear from the statements of the men that seven other German vessels were sunk. The V-69 belonged to the home fleet.

According to a Reuter dispatch from Ymuiden, it was officially stated that four were killed aboard the V-69, including the commander, Lieutenant Boehm, and the commander of the flotilla, Captain Schultz. German officers accused of the attack are engaged, the scene of action—or the strength of the flotilla.

According to a Hague report to the Exchange Telegraph Company, two German ships were sunk and three others badly damaged in the North Sea fight.

British Loss Admitted.

The official statement issued here today says that a German destroyer was sunk, and admits that in another engagement in the vicinity of Schouwen Bank a British destroyer was sunk, with a loss of three officers and 44 of the crew. The text of the announcement is:

"Last night while our light forces were patrolling the North Sea not far from the Dutch coast they met a division of enemy torpedo-boat destroyers. A short engagement took place, during which one of the enemy torpedo-boat destroyers was sunk and the rest scattered, having suffered considerable punishment. Darkness prevented the full results of the action from being observed."

Vessel Sunk by Own Fleet.

"During last night there was a sharp engagement between enemy torpedo-boat destroyers and our own destroyers in the vicinity of Schouwen Bank. During this engagement one of our torpedo-boat destroyers was struck by a torpedo, the explosion killing three officers and 44 of the crew. She subsequently was sunk by our own ships."

"Relatives of the victims have been informed. Our ships suffered no other casualties."

Ymuiden, Holland, via The Hague to London, Jan. 23.

An encounter occurred Tuesday morning in the North Sea between 14 German torpedo-boat destroyers and a British flotilla. Sixteen severely wounded Germans have been landed here by a Dutch trawler, which took them off the badly damaged German torpedo-boat V-69.

The torpedo-boat was afterward towed here with 20 dead aboard. The commander died before reaching port, both of his legs being shot off in the engagement.

TERRITORIES TO BE DRY

Alaska and Hawaii to Come Under Ban, Decision of House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—"Bone dry" prohibition for both Alaska and Hawaii virtually was decided on today by the House territories committee.

The reintroduced Wickersham bill to prohibit manufacture, sale, gift, possession or transportation of liquor in Alaska was ordered favorably reported to the House.

The Hawaiian bill then was taken up, and the main features of the Alaskan bill were written into it after the committee had eliminated provisions that would make prohibition dependent upon petitions of the Hawaiian people.

SHIP EXPLOSION IS FATAL

Boiler on Steamer Carib Bursts and Several Are Killed.

SANTO DOMINGO, Jan. 23.—Many persons on board the Dominican coast steamer Carib were killed and others severely injured by the explosion of the steamer's boiler, which wrecked the vessel.

The material loss will be heavy.

WILSON MAY TRY 25-CENT DIET DAY

PRESIDENT SAYS HE WILL DO IT IF WIFE CONSENTS.

Experiment Is Proposed for White House After New York Police Prove It Is Possible.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Having proved that 13 husky policemen can thrive on a 25-cent-a-day diet, Mrs. Eula McClary, a dietician of the police diet squad of New York City, today asked the President of the United States to do likewise.

In addition to requesting Mr. Wilson to try a 25-cent diet day at the White House, she said she had asked him to proclaim such a day for the whole Nation.

Mrs. McClary suggested that the experiment at the White House would have a good effect on the country.

"I'll do it if Mrs. Wilson will consent," Mrs. McClary quoted the President as replying. She said she would call at the White House again Thursday and bring with her a menu to be prepared by experts connected with the movement, especially for the President's use.

ICE GORGES STOP TRAINS

Montana Floods Continue to Cover Tracks and Then to Freeze.

LOGAN, Mont., Jan. 23.—There has been no improvement in flood conditions in Madison Valley, where ice gorges in the Madison River have spread the water over the valley for several miles. The water rose several inches today and the Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul tracks are under 12 inches of water and ice. Overland trains which ordinarily run through Butte are being detoured by way of Helena.

Reports from Madison Valley point to several ranches had difficulty in reaching places of safety.

RARE DISEASE KILLS TWO

Woman Contracts Botulism by Eating Infected Food.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 23.—Botulism, a rare disease contracted by eating infected food, claimed a second victim today when Miss Genevieve Nation succumbed late today at Escondido, near here. Mrs. Maude Pearson, widow of the late Colonel E. P. Pearson, U. S. A., died this morning. Both women had been ill for several days.

An autopsy was performed on the body of Miss Nation, and according to Coroner Otto Marsh, traces of botulism were found.

TENNESSEE IS MADE DRIER

Governor Rye Signs Three Drastic Anti-Liquor Bills.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 23.—Governor Rye today signed three anti-liquor bills recently passed by the Legislature.

The measures, which become effective immediately, are: To prohibit clubs, lodges or associations from keeping, storing or in any way disposing of liquor; to make a second conviction for bootlegging a felony and to make it unlawful for any firm or corporation to keep in stock or store liquor intended for sale as a beverage.

\$10 LAND YIELDS FORTUNE

Pomeroy Physician Gets \$2500 as Share of 70-Acre Crop.

POMEROY, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Dr. John Gilbert, of this city, was handed a check for \$2517.22 today for his share of the Marquis wheat crop, grown on 70 acres of his land, for which he paid \$10 an acre two years ago.

The land, before he purchased it, was used to graze sheep. L. M. Knettle was the purchaser of the wheat, paying \$1.65. There were 614 sacks.

WINTER GETS THIRD VICTIM

North Dakota Man Is Found Frozen in Street at McVillie.

FARGO, N. D., Jan. 23.—The third death from freezing in North Dakota this winter was reported tonight.

Knute Haugun, a resident of McVillie, was found frozen to death in a street there. One man was frozen to death last Sunday near Alfred, Lamour County, and another in Western North Dakota earlier in the year.

BEST COW BRINGS \$5000

Holder of World's Record for Butter Fat Sold to Creamery.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Tietje Queen de Kol, the cow which recently broke the record for butter-making in giving 542.7 pounds of milk in seven days, or 42.26 pounds of butter, was sold today for \$5000 to a creamery company. The previous record had been 32 pounds of butter.

The cow is 9 years and 9 months old.

WOMAN, 91, PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mary Lowell, of Empire, Was Native of Aetna, Maine.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Lowell, of Empire, aged 91 years, died yesterday.

Mrs. Lowell was a native of Aetna, Maine, and had lived in Oregon 13 years. The deceased leaves no children, the last, Mrs. W. C. Bickford, having died here several years ago.

BRITISH HOSTILE TO WILSON'S PLAN

Hidden Meanings in Passages Sought.

PUBLIC MEN ARE COURTEOUS

All End, However, in Supporting Britain's Measures.

"SILENT MASSES" HEARD

Labour Party Indorses Action of Members in Entering War Cabinet—Monroe Doctrine Discussed With Interest.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—President Wilson's address to the United States Senate has furnished the British government and public with a surprise as electrifying as his mediatory note to the belligerents. With the exception of the Manchester Guardian and the Daily News, which are the only papers in Great Britain that can be classified as pacificatory in policy, the press gives the President's utterances an unreserved reception and engages in much speculation over the meaning which, it is considered, may be concealed behind certain passages.

Public men interviewed begin with courteous tributes to the President's good intentions and end by supporting Great Britain's measures.

Wide Discussion Is Certain.

While the government cannot make any direct reply to a communication from the President to the United States Senate, there is certain to be discussion in Parliament. The usages of the House of Lords give even greater latitude for address on any topic any member wishes to discuss than those of the American Senate, while the question paper of the House of Commons furnishes an equally good opportunity for the advancement of personal views.

It is already foreshadowed by members of the Commons that a discussion will be insisted on when Parliament assembles, and speeches from members of the present and the late Cabinet are expected. Possible action by the American Congress on committing the Nation to membership in an international peace league is awaited with great interest.

Public Utterances Recalled.

Both David Lloyd George, in his historic maiden speech as Prime Minister, and Viscount Grey, while Minister of Foreign Affairs, stated strongly that membership in such a league without obligations to force its decrees by arms would be useless.

The effect of President Wilson's policy on the status of the Monroe Doctrine is discussed with equal interest.

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GOLD SAID TO BE GOING TO GERMANY

MYSTERIOUS BALTIMORE VESSELS CARRY MILLIONS.

Consignments Ostensibly for Buenos Aires Believed to Be Intended for Raiders at Sea.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 23.—It was reported in local shipping circles today that three steamers which left Baltimore, recently, presumably with coal, also carried several million dollars in gold eagles and half eagles. The shipments of gold, it was also reported, were for Germany and were to be transferred at sea to the raiders sweeping the South Atlantic.

The report is based on the departure on December 24 for Norfolk of the steamer Au Sable. The vessel was known to have cleared with coal and about \$2,000,000 in gold. She left Norfolk on December 28 for Buenos Aires, but her arrival has not been reported. She was followed on December 29 by the Maumee, also carrying a heavy consignment of gold for Buenos Aires. She has not been reported. The Winnebago sailed on January 7 for the same port. The three steamers are under American registry and have been bought by a new enterprise which is said to have steamers on the British blacklist.

Maurice B. Carlin, agent for the steamers here, admitted today that the ships had taken large consignments of gold, but refused to say for whom it was destined. A member of the consular service of one of the South American countries admitted that gold was on board the three steamers but refused to discuss it.

PAY INCREASES FAVORED

Senate, However, Limits Grant to Lower Salaried Clerks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Pay increases for many Government clerks to meet the higher cost of living were approved by the Senate today in an amendment to the legislative appropriation bill. It would advance the salaries of employees receiving less than \$480 by 15 per cent and those receiving from \$480 up to and including \$1000 by 10 per cent.

The amendment takes the place of one proposed by the House which would raise the pay of higher salaried employees also. The vote was 33 to 29, many Senators opposing increases on the ground that now is the time to economize.

TROLLEY TO CROSS BRIDGE

Streetcar Will Be Run This Morning to Test Lines.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The first streetcar will cross the interstate bridge tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will run one of the regular cars used in Vancouver across the bridge and down Washington street in Vancouver to test the new tracks which are being laid and to determine whether it will be necessary to lower the grade of the street under the North Bank viaduct.

The tracks on Hayden Island were joined with the rails of the bridge today.

Facilities Are Good.

The tract is attractively situated as far as transportation is concerned, being directly accessible to the Astoria branch of the North Bank road and the Columbia River on the north and the Tillamook branch of the Southern Pacific on the south. In addition to the water outlet at Tillamook Bay, J. K. Gamble, representative of the

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\$4,000,000 DEAL IN TIMBER IS CLOSED

Eccles Interests Buy DuBois Holdings.

AREA OF TRACT 26,000 ACRES

Body Contains 4,500,000,000 Feet, Largely Douglas Fir.

LAND LIES ON COLUMBIA

Intimation Is That Manufacture Will Be Commenced Soon, Necessitating Extensive Operations and Several Mills.

The largest timber deal closed in Oregon in several months was consummated yesterday when the Oregon Lumber Company purchased most of the DuBois Lumber Company's holdings for a consideration understood to be approximately \$4,000,000.

The timber land involved lies in Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook and Washington counties and embraces about 26,000 acres. The tract cradles about 4,500,000,000 feet of merchantable timber and is said to be one of the finest large bodies in the West. The principal variety is Douglas fir, although there are considerable quantities of spruce, cedar and hemlock.

Eccles Interests Buy.

The purchasing company is owned by the Eccles interests, with headquarters at Ogden, Utah, of which David C. Eccles is the directing head. They have invested several millions of dollars in Oregon timber lands heretofore and are extensive manufacturers of lumber.

Mills at present are operated at Baker, Astoria and Whitney, in the Eastern Oregon yellow pine district; at Dea, in the Hood River valley, and at English, in Columbia County, on the Astoria branch of the North Bank Road.

It is understood that the new owners of the DuBois tract contemplate active operations in the near future. Plans for operation would involve the building of logging roads and one or more large mills, either on the Columbia River or on Tillamook Bay. Definite announcement of the company's plans are expected to be made upon the return from Ogden of Charles T. Early, who is in charge of the Eccles interests in Oregon.

United Artisans Merger Proposed

FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD DEAL MAY BE SETTLED TODAY.

Supreme Council Meeting at Los Angeles Has Three Important Matters Arising for Decision.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Three important subjects are to come before the supreme council of the Fraternal Brotherhood for final settlement at its meeting tomorrow in Fraternal Brotherhood Hall.

One of these, it is understood, will be a demand by Charles Dempster, supreme secretary, that a merit system be established for the employees of the Brotherhood, that dead wood be weeded out, that all possible overhead expense be eliminated and that the body be re-organized generally.

A second proposition is that of consolidating the 25,000 members with the 18,000 members of the United Artisans, a Portland organization said to be similar in many respects to the Fraternal Brotherhood.

The third proposition is to curtail the budget expenditures of the supreme secretary.

According to J. W. Mills, secretary of Montavilla Lodge No. 158, the proposition of merging the two orders has been under consideration for a short time but that it had been agreed between representatives of the lodges to withhold public announcement until plans for consolidation had been definitely arranged.

The United Artisans were organized in Portland 21 years ago. C. L. McKenna, the present supreme secretary, being one of the organizers of the order. Mr. McKenna is now out of the city and no official statement from the order will be made until his return tomorrow.

The order has 18,000 members, the majority of whom are residents of Oregon. Other states in which lodges have been formed include Washington, Idaho, Montana, California and Colorado. The order is a fraternal insurance organization.

SENATE AND HOUSE WON'T CO-OPERATE

Each Has Merger Programme Laid Out.

THOMAS ASSAILS DIMICK BILL

Members of Higher Body Accused of Grandstanding.

LABOR BOARD IS PROPOSED

Measure Providing for Consolidation of Tax Commission Is Referred to Committee as Part of General Merger System.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—All prospects for early effective co-operation between the House and Senate committees on consolidation went glimmering today when the House committee determined to pursue an independent course toward the Senate programme.

In accordance with that plan the House committee has prepared a bill creating a state commission of labor and consolidating with it the present Commissioner of Labor, the board of inspection of child labor, the Industrial Welfare Commission and the Industrial Accident Commission.

Other Bills Proposed.

This bill probably will be introduced in the House within a few days and earnest efforts will be made to pass it. Other bills consolidating other state departments are in the making.

The House committee met this afternoon and expressed violent disfavor of the Dimick bill, consolidating the State Tax Commission with the Public Service Commission, which passed the Senate with an almost unanimous vote yesterday.

Referring the duties of the Tax Commission to the State Board of Control is in the hands of this committee and with a few amendments probably will be put through the House. If it is probable that the Dimick bill will be smothered, as the two measures conflict.

Harmony Not Apparent.

No, it doesn't look as though the two committees are working very well together, although both express a genuine desire for effective consolidation.

The breach was further widened when on the floor of the House this morning, Representative Thomas, a member of the House committee, accused members of the Senate committee of "grandstanding" in their consolidation efforts. It was the first burst of forensic oratory asking to be heard in this session. The House meetings have been mighty dull thus far and it is probable that Thomas has broken the ice. Some interesting times appear on the distant horizon.

Governor's Ideas Carried Out.

Representative Thomas' somewhat sensational speech was called forth when his own bill providing for re-organization of the Tax Commission was under consideration. The measure was prepared in accordance with the views expressed by Governor Withycombe in his message to the Legislature two weeks ago, asking that the bill, instead of going to a vote, be sent to the consolidation committee, Thomas reviewed the recent efforts of the latter committee.

"We have been considering the Tax Commission as well as other commissions," he said. "We don't want to report any recommendations until we feel certain that it can be carried out successfully."

Bad Faith Charged.

"It is very apparent from the action of the Senate that if either house is going to stand for good, carefully considered, constructive legislation, that it will be in this house and no other. It is detrimental to the interests of this state to attempt to pass bills in one house with the knowledge and with the sincere desire that the bill will be killed in the other house. There has been too much of this in the past. There is too much of it at the present, and if the members across the hall continue as they have commenced this session the interests of the taxpayers can only be conserved by our being cooperative here."

Recognizing that this situation exists, and feeling that this house should not recommend or pass any bill except what we feel should be passed, I recommend that this bill be referred to the consolidation committee for further investigation."

Accordingly the bill went before the consolidation committee and will be recommended favorably with amendments that will make the State Board of Control the tax commission and provide for one tax expert at \$2000 a year and a secretary at \$1800 a year.

Dimick Bill Opposed.

Chairman Brownell, Representative Rittner and other members of the House committee were much disturbed today at the report that various Senators, in speaking for the Dimick bill yesterday, had given assurance that the House committee would support it. They denied that they ever had promised their support. Senator Pierce attacked the committee meeting and vigorously opposed the Dimick bill. It is probable that the Thomas bill, with amendments, and the labor bill, (Concluded on Page 7, Column 3.)

SNOWSHOE CLUB IN STORM

Portland Party Is Caught in Gale at Night on Hood's Slope.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Members of the Portland Snowshoe Club, who traveled six miles yesterday on ski and snowshoes from Mount Hood Lodge to the clubhouse at the foot of Elliot Glacier, last night experienced one of the severest storms that has prevailed in the high altitudes this season. Telephone lines are down and communication exists between the snowshoe party and the outside world. John Goldsberry, whose ranch is at the edge of the National Forest, reports that the wind blew a gale and that a heavy snow fell on the mountain.

The mountain home of the Snowshoe Club is built of heavy logs and strong enough to resist the most severe weather.

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