

## 140 DIE AS LINER STRIKES IN GALE

### Florizel Hits Near Cape Race and None Escapes.

### GIANT SEAS BLOCK RESCUE

### Doomed Ones Appeal for Aid to Helpless Watchers on Shore, Until Engulfed.

### VICTIMS CLING TO MASTS

### Bodies of Few Washed to Land—Many Prominent Persons Are Passengers.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 24.—The Red Cross liner Florizel, from St. Johns for New York by way of Halifax, with 140 persons aboard, including 78 passengers, piled up on the jagged near Cape Race during a blizzard today and it is believed that all on board were lost.

Naval gunners sent on a special train from this city shot a line across the bow of the partly submerged ship tonight, but waited in vain for it to be hauled aboard.

Men Let Line Hang Loose.

Just before darkness blotted the wreck from view, five men, driven from the forecastle by the giant seas, were seen to climb the forward rigging, signaling feebly for help. But when they failed to make fast the line it was feared they had succumbed to the cold and exposure.

Those five were the only ones visible on board several hours after the ship struck.

Rescue Craft Stand By.

Somewhere beyond the white maelstrom of breakers two staunch rescue steamers, the Terra Nova and the Home, manned by New Foundland sailors, lay in waiting for a favorable moment to send a boat through the surf, but, though the storm appeared to be subsiding, it was feared that it would be daylight before the sea moderated enough to make it possible to approach the wreck.

Among the passengers were 12 women and four children. Among the first cabin passengers were John Shannon Munn, a managing director of the firm of Bowring Brothers, Ltd., owners of the liner, and his three-year-old daughter, Betty. They were going to New York to meet Mrs. Munn and Sir Edgar Bowring, one of the owners of the line, for a visit of two months in Florida.

Six Cadets Aboard.

Six cadets of the Royal Flying Corps, on their way from New Foundland to join their commands, were aboard. The body of one of the detachment, Fred Snow, was among the six washed ashore tonight. Another New Foundland officer who, it is feared, was lost, was Major Michael Sullivan, commanding the New Foundland Forestry Battalion, returning to his battalion, which now is in Scotland.

Captain Joseph F. Keane, one of the best commanders of the New Foundland sailing fleet, also sailed on the Florizel for Halifax, where he was to take over his ship, The Sable, in readiness for the seal fisheries next month.

Commercial Travelers Aboard.

Thomas McNeil, head of the McMurdo Drug Company, one of the leading pharmaceutical concerns in the colony, and Fred Smythe, manager of the New Foundland Woolen Mills, were others in the passenger list.

All but three of the passengers are natives of New Foundland. Three commercial travelers, a Mr. Stevens, of New York; W. W. Duphaine, of Montreal, and O. P. Bellevue, of Toronto, were on their way home.

The Florizel was a sister of the steamer Stephano, which was sunk by the German submarine U-53 off Nanctuet, October 8, 1916.

She had been continued in the service between St. Johns and New York, but since the United States entered the war her movements had not been given publicity.

Ship Valued at \$1,000,000.

The Florizel sailed from here at 8 o'clock last night with a large number of passengers and a cargo which included 10,500 barrels of dry codfish and herring for New York and 1300

## LOSER STABS MATE WHO STEALS GIRLS

### PRIVATES HOLMAN AND HANSEN CLASH ON CITY STREET.

### "He Swipes All My Girls," Explanation Made by Soldier When Taken to Station.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Every time Private Andrew Holman, of the 16th Company, Coast Artillery, gets a girl, Private Carl Hansen, of the same company, takes her away from him, Holman told the police today, after attempting to end his comrade's career as a heart-breaker, on the street at 7 o'clock this morning. Holman used a pocketknife borrowed for the occasion and, in the presence of 25 interested soldiers, stabbed Hansen eight times before the latter knocked him out with a blow on the jaw. Holman is in the county jail and Hansen is in a hospital.

"I took a girl to a dance last night and introduced her to this fellow," Holman said today. "Then he up and cut me out. He took her home. I met him on the way back and tried to argue with him, and we had a fight. This is the second time he has pulled that stuff. He swiped a Berkeley girl I was going to marry, and then kidded me about it."

According to Holman, the sight of Hansen's "handsome mug" is too much for girls that judge by appearances and overlook sterling qualities that may lie concealed behind rather rough exteriors.

Hansen refused to discuss the affair, and said he would not prosecute. Both men will be turned over to the military authorities at Fort Baker.

## STOCKTON IMPORTS SNOW

### Two Carloads to Be Brought in for Big Society Circus.

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Two carloads of snow will be brought here from the Feather River Canyon, in the high Sierras, for a big society "circus," which will be held during this week-end.

Opposite the theater where the circus will be staged there will be a row of sidewalks in what will be known as the "circus" and at one of these there will be a large effigy of the Kaiser, and snowballs will be sold to all who want to take a "swat at Hill." Other features are to be included in the festivities, at which the snow will be used as a novelty. Snow falls here only once in a lifetime.

## NAVAL AUTHORITY IS DEAD

### Earl Brassey, Former Member of Parliament, Dies in London.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The death of Earl Brassey is announced.

Earl Brassey was a well-known authority on naval subjects and was a former civil lord of the British Admiralty and president of the Institution of Naval Architects. He was born February 11, 1836, and was elected to Parliament in 1865. In 1895 he was appointed Governor of Victoria, which office he held until 1899.

He was the author of a five-volume work on the British navy, published in 1881, and was founder and first editor of the Naval Annual.

## WOOL PRICES IN BALANCE

### Government Will Not Attempt to Control Clip for Year 1918.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 24.—The Federal Government will not fix the price of wool, according to information received here from S. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' Association, who is in Washington.

A number of reports had reached the woolmen of the West to the effect that the Government, in all probability, would undertake to establish a price for the wool clip of 1918, and Secretary McClure went to Washington to investigate.

Report was received of 25 empty cars at Mapleton, on the Coos Bay branch and it is expected others may be found to aid the Baker lumber mills.

## BAKER TO GET MORE CARS

### Commissioner Corey Asks McAdoo to Divert Empty to Eastern Oregon.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Public Service Commissioner Corey telegraphed today to Director-General McAdoo asking that empty cars reported to be lying idle on Southern Pacific side tracks be sent to Baker to relieve the tension there.

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## OPPOSING GUNNERS ACTIVE

### Paris War Office Reports Artillery Action on West Front.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The War Office announcement tonight says: "Artillery actions of considerable intensity occurred in the region of Chambray, Apremont Forest and at several points in the Vosges and Upper Alsace."

"Eastern theater, Feb. 22.—The day was quiet. The enemy artillery showed activity in the region of Struma and West Varadar. On the Serbian front a Bulgarian detachment was repulsed."

## VON PAYER SPEAKS TODAY

### German Vice-Chancellor Scheduled to Address Reichstag.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 24.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says the German Vice-Chancellor, Friedrich von Payer, will address the Reichstag tomorrow in regard to internal affairs.

## AMERICAN CAPTAIN REFUSES TO FIGHT

### Court Martial Imposes Heavy Penalty.

### RESIGNATION NOT PERMITTED

### German Kindred Held Higher Than Native Land

### LOYALTY OATH VIOLATED

### David A. Henkes, 16th Infantry, Sentenced to Dismissal From Service and Confinement at Hard Labor for 25 Years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Captain David A. Henkes, 16th Infantry, U. S. A., has been sentenced to dismissal from service and confinement at hard labor for 25 years by a general court martial held at Governor's Island.

Henkes, who is of German descent, endeavored to resign his commission, saying he did not care to fight against relatives and friends.

Captain Henkes, who was stationed at San Antonio, Tex., last May, wrote to the secretary of War, urging him to accept the resignation, which he had already submitted and giving reasons which, he declared, would no longer allow him to serve as an officer of the American Army.

Mind Not to Fight Germans.

"Further service as a commissioned officer must sooner or later take me to Europe and there bring me in conflict with my relatives and friends, although for the time being my legal duties," Captain Henkes wrote. "My father came from Germany. My mother was born here shortly after the arrival of her parents. We have many other relatives and friends there.

"I cannot force myself to the conviction that I am capable of making war on my kindred upon their soil in a manner that would become my duty and station."

Resignation Again Urged.

Captain Henkes soon after he had submitted his resignation, was ordered to France with the American expeditionary forces, and from his quarters there, June 29, 1917, wrote to the Adjutant-General in Washington, calling attention to the fact that he had resigned, and declared that his battalion commander, the Department Quartermaster and the commanding officer of the Southern Department had approved his action.

Again on October 10, while still on duty in France, Captain Henkes wrote another letter to the Adjutant-General in which he urged acceptance of his resignation.

Oath of Loyalty Violated.

Captain Henkes was then summoned before a general court martial at Governor's Island, where he was formally charged with violation of the 55th article.

## REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN COSTA RICA

### EX-PRESIDENT AND U. S. GERMAN ARE BLAMED.

Communication by Telegraph Between Frontier and Las Canas Interrupted, Nicaragua Reports.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Feb. 24.—A revolution is in progress in Costa Rica. Telegraphic communication has been interrupted between the frontier and Las Canas.

It is known that the towns of Alajuela, San Mateo and Heredia are in the hands of revolutionists. It is reported Las Canas and Punta Arenas probably will fall shortly.

The present government of Costa Rica came into power in consequence of a revolution in January of last year. President Gonzalez was overthrown by General Tinoco, who assumed the presidency. The United States has not recognized the Tinoco government.

Ex-president Gonzalez and Germans in Costa Rica and the United States are said to have been concerned in a plot to overthrow the government, which was discovered by the Costa Rican authorities last May.

## GOOD NEWS COMES TO WHEAT GROWERS

### Herbert Hoover Sends Welcome Telegram.

### WATER RATE OF \$3.50 FIXED

### Government Vessels Will Carry Grain to New York.

### PARITY WITH EAST GIVEN

### Shipping Board Undertakes to Transport Excess Production of Wheat and Flour From Pacific Ports to Atlantic Seaboard.

For wheatgrowers of the Pacific Northwest, after long contention for the justice of a parity with Chicago, there is gratifying assurance in an official message from Herbert Hoover, received yesterday by W. B. Ayer, Federal Food Administrator for Oregon, which definitely announces the establishment of a \$3.50 water rate from Portland to New York, and an approximate parity price.

Apparent disparity between the basic price of \$2.05 for Portland wheat, recently decreed by proclamation of the President, and identical rate that fixed last year, will be set aside by the Shipping Board's agreement to carry Northwestern wheat in Government vessels at the \$3.50 rate, which automatically insures local growers a basic compensation of approximately \$2.18 per bushel.

## SHOOTING MAY BE AVENGED

### Sniping by Federal Troops at Border Patrols Must Cease.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 24.—Unless sniping by Federal troops at American border patrols ceases at once, retaliatory measures will be carried out and United States troops will be ordered across the line and exterminate the snipers, who have been firing on American patrols recently, it became known here last night, following the shooting of Captain Joseph N. Marx, of the border patrol, this afternoon.

Captain Marx was riding along the border in the eastern suburbs of the city when he inadvertently crossed the boundary line, which was not clearly defined at that point. Mexican snipers opened fire on the patrol at once, hitting Captain Marx in the leg.

## KILAUEA VOLCANO ACTIVE

### Section Used by Tourists for Parking Automobiles Obliterated.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 24.—Lava from the bed of Kilauea volcano, on the island of Hawaii, spread rapidly Saturday in the main crater and at one place overflowed and obliterated a section that had been used by tourists for parking automobiles.

Kilauea's lava bed has been fluctuating greatly within the last two weeks, and the disturbed state of the volcano has caused tourists in great numbers to visit the place.

## EX-MAYOR MITCHEL TO FLY

### New Yorker Arrives in California to Train as Aviator.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 24.—John Purroy Mitchel, ex-Mayor of New York, now a Major in the aviation section, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps, arrived here yesterday with Mrs. Mitchel. Major Mitchel came here on orders of the War Department to report for flight duty to qualify as reserve military aviator.

It is his first visit to Southern California.

## MORRIS GEST WILL PLAY NO FAVORITES

### BOTH SHUBERT AND KLAUW & ERLANGER TO GET PLAYS.

Producer Gives New Angle to Theatrical War by Hinting He Is to Form Own Syndicate.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—A new angle to the theatrical war between the rival booking firms of Klauw & Erlanger and the Shuberts was contributed today by Morris Gest, theatrical producer, who arrived in Chicago to make a tour of inspection of the various theatrical enterprises of his firm, Elliott, Comstock & Gest. This firm not only leased the La Salle Theater here, but also has "The Wanderer" at the Auditorium Theater.

"The theatrical war that has broken the last few weeks between the Shuberts and Klauw & Erlanger is most disastrous," Mr. Gest said today at the Auditorium Theater.

"Many firms have been forced to decide which theatrical camp they will dwell in. We have received big offers from both sides for the privilege of booking our companies exclusively, but we will remain absolutely independent next year. We will book with both parties playing the best theater we can get in the different cities where these rival firms have houses.

"We probably will form a small syndicate of our own and then we will not have to deal with either faction."

Mr. Gest will remain in Chicago until Tuesday night.

## GERMAN STEAMER TAKEN

### British Auxiliary Cruiser Captures Craft Going to Stettin.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 24.—A Trade-Union dispatch received here states that the steamer Dusseldorf, on route from Tromsøe to Stettin, has been captured by a British auxiliary cruiser.

Maritime records show two steamers by the name of Dusseldorf. One owned in Hamburg is of 5377 gross tonnage, while the other, owned in Bremen, is registered at 301 tons.

## OREGON SOLDIER DROWNED

### James Reed, from Spruce Division, Falls From Log Boom.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—James Reed, a soldier in the spruce division, was drowned last night when he fell from a log boom at the Oregon Pacific Mill & Lumber Company's plant. His body was recovered a short time afterwards.

Reed enlisted last September and came here from Vancouver. He was about 25 years of age and lived at Dallas.

## ITALY CHEERS UNCLE SAM

### Allusion to United States in Chamber Brings Members to Feet.

ROME, Feb. 24.—An allusion to the United States in the Chamber of Deputies brought all the members to their feet cheering during the debate on the war aims and general policies, which ended yesterday in a vote of confidence in the government, 340 to 44.

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### COMMITTEE QUIZZES LECTURER

### Categorical Questions Prove Patriotism Lacking.

### ATTEMPT TO ARGUE FAILS

### Newspaper Item Showing Members of I. B. S. A. Arrested in Canada Prompts Defense Council to Take Action.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Pastor W. A. Baker, of the International Bible Students' Association of Brooklyn, N. Y., was advertised to speak in Grants Pass this afternoon on the subject, "The End of the World—Relation of World War Thereto."

He did not speak. He was advised by a committee of the local Council of Defense to cancel his date here and avoid any attempt to hold a meeting in the city or try to distribute literature.

Newspaper Item Decides.

A copy of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, dated February 17, which had just been received here, contained an item referring to the arrest of members of the International Bible Students' Association in Toronto on the charge of distributing copies of a prohibited publication. This item was brought before leaders in the Council of Defense late last night, and a meeting was called this morning to discuss the matter fully. It was decided to propound to the lecturer four questions to be answered by "yes" or "no," the questions being substantially as follows: Are you a member of the Red Cross? Are you a subscriber to the Liberty Loan? Have you purchased thrift stamps or savings certificates? Are you wholeheartedly and unreservedly backing the Government's war program? Mayor Demaray, Sheriff Lewis and Manager Truax, of the Opera-house, were delegated to wait upon the lecturer and invite him to the meeting. Pastor Baker, a slight man of about 50, with pale face and snow-white hair, accompanied by M. T. Fawcett, Wells-Fargo Express agent at Grants Pass, who is active in the work of the association, appeared before the 30 or 40 men at the Court-house.

Mr. Baker's "good morning" was received with silence. Mr. Baker was promptly told to answer the questions by yes or no without debate. To each the reply was "no," and to the last question he attempted to offer debate, but was told no debate would be tolerated and he was asked to leave the room.

Vote Is Unanimous.

A vote was taken which was unanimous against the holding of any meeting and the men were so notified.

The whole interview lasted not more than three minutes, but it was long enough to show the resolute determination of the men who compose the Council of Defense to prevent any attempt at holding meetings of this sort in Grants Pass.

## DERELICT IS REPORTED

### Capsized Vessel Seen About Three Miles North of Point Arena.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Captain Michelsen, of the steamer G. C. Lindauer, which arrived at this port today from Coos Bay, reported that he had passed at midnight Saturday what appeared to him to be a capsized vessel.

The supposed derelict was sighted about three miles north of Point Arena, the captain reported.

## GERMANS PLAN NEW STRIKE

### Systematic Campaign On to Promote General Walkout.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 24.—There are numerous indications in Germany of a systematic campaign to promote a new general strike, says a Berlin dispatch to the Weser Zeitung, of Bremen.

## FREE.

If you want to know all about the Navy, so far as Navy life goes, you may learn much by sending for the Navy Book, published by the Government and furnished free by The Oregonian through its information and service bureau at Washington.

If you want to know about conservation of food in wartime through proper cookery, send for the War Cook Book, also printed by the Government, and furnished by The Oregonian from Washington.

Write to Frederick J. Haskin, director of Oregonian Information Bureau, Washington, D. C. Send 2-cent stamp, return post on each book.

Do NOT write to The Oregonian at Portland.

