

# SUBMARINE IS HELD, SAYS ERIC GEDDES

## Sinkings of Merchantmen Are Now Under Mark Set Prior to Unrestricted War.

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#### First Lord of British Admiralty Points Out That Germany Must Falsify Records of Sinkings to Satisfy People.

(By the Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 2.—"The submarine is held."

Thus, in four words, Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, yesterday summarized the results of the first year of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare, which began February 1, a year ago.

A measure of its failure, he added to the correspondent, was found in the fact that sinking of merchant ships now had been reduced to a level lower than before Germany cast aside all restraint.

"I am an optimist regarding the U-boat war," said Sir Eric. "The submarine, restrained and unrestricted, has been met and has not proved invincible. I am inclined to think that now, since I made my last public statement, we are sinking submarines as fast as Germany can build them."

"My 'curves' are all good and I cannot see any way in which the situation can be changed except for the better."

### More Ships Needed.

"The sooner the better is now the allied navy's aim. But—you see there still is a but, and it is a very important one—we must have more ships if we are to turn this German failure into a positive allied victory. The submarine destruction of the world's tonnage is not a big percentage of the whole, but the submarine destruction still exceeds the production of ships and meantime the demands for tonnage are increasing by leaps and bounds."

Turning to the progress of the campaign against the German submarine, Sir Eric again referred to the satisfactory trend of the curves to which he has referred in several of his speeches. "All the curves continue to bend in the right direction," he said. "The destruction of allied shipping decreases rapidly; the construction of merchant shipping increases steadily, and the sinking of German submarines steadily rises."

### German Exaggeration Grows.

"There is still another curve which I keep. I never told the public about it, but it gives me personally much satisfaction. It is the curve representing what I call the factor 'exaggeration' in the German official statements of U-boat results. Let me explain that curve briefly.

"Every month since the unrestricted submarine war began the Germans have issued an official statement of the total amount of tonnage alleged to have been sunk during that month. We found from the very first month that there was certain 'margin of exaggeration'—that is, the German Admiralty always added a few thousand tons for good measure.

"This margin of exaggeration was fairly small in the early months of unrestricted warfare. With the lessening of the German successes of July, August and September, the margin of exaggeration began to increase. The German Admiralty found itself obliged to falsify its returns more and more flagrantly in its effort to persuade the German people that the U-boat was a continuing success."

### Sailings Great as Ever.

Sir Eric referred to the German claim that the decreased sinkings were due to the decrease in the number of ships sailing.

"That is false," he said. "Sailings and arrivals are just as numerous today as they were a year ago."

The correspondent referred to Secretary of War Woodrow Wilson's few days ago concerning the German plan for concentration against American transports.

"There is no doubt," said Sir Eric, "that the U-boat will bend every effort to attack American transports, and if you are to bring across the Atlantic the number of troops that you plan there will be losses, and probably heavy ones, for life-saving in mid-Atlantic is not easy."

"I do not doubt that Mr. Baker had good grounds for his statement, but we have no evidence to support the view that the Germans at present are withdrawing their U-boats in preparation for a concentrated attack against the American lines of communication."

"The steady decrease of merchant sinkings (I do not refer to the abnormal weeks of this month) is not due, I am convinced, to any withdrawal of submarines from the shipping lanes, but to the steady improvement in the allied methods of dealing with them."

### Secretary Policy

The British policy of entire secrecy regarding the sinking of U-boats was defended.

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# TAX Packer Asks for Decree

## Gilbert Van Camp Charges His Wife With Desertion.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—Through Attorney E. E. Sidebulten suit has been filed in the superior court by Gilbert C. Van Camp for divorce from Alice Van Camp. The charge is desertion. The plaintiff, who has lived in the harbor district for the last three years, is a son of the packer of that name. The young man is an employe in the Van Camp plant at San Pedro.

The Van Camps were married several years ago. Mrs. Van Camp being the daughter of a wealthy Indianapolis family. They came to the harbor district to live, but it is said that Mrs. Van Camp became dissatisfied with life there and left more than a year ago to live with her parents. There are no children and it is said that no special property interests are involved in the suit.

# GLEE CLUB PLEASURES CROWD

## Programme One of Best Ever Rendered Before Portland Audience.

Portlanders played a prominent part in the appearance of the University of Oregon Glee Club at Lincoln High School Friday night on the occasion of the 19th annual visit of a representative from the valley city. The club is as strong an organization as the university has ever sent to Portland to delight local audiences.

The programme opened with a rollicking chorus by the Glee Club, followed by a rendition of "The Star" from Wagner's "Tannhauser," sympathetically sung by Curtis Peterson, of Eugene. Then the club returned to give an encores of French folk song and followed with an equally appealing number. Other numbers helped to make the programme one of the best ever given in this city.

# FRANCIS TRUE IS JAILED

## Accused Man Denies He Is Person Wanted by Officers.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—A man giving his name as Francis True, but who, it is alleged by Federal officers, is Orris Robertson, who is under indictment in Kansas City, charged with concealing the assets of a bankrupt claimed to be valued at \$100,000, was arrested by Fred H. Boden, of the Department of Justice, at 1774 Alessandro street, where True, who says he is a physician, has for some time been conducting a sanatorium. True denies strenuously that he is Robertson, and claims that he was never mixed up in any shady business. The man will be further investigated today. The accused is in the County Jail.

# WASHINGTON SAVES COAL

## "Lightless Night" Results in Great Saving of Fuel.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Washington's first "lightless night" under the latest order of the fuel administration, resulted in an appreciable saving of coal by the Potomac Electric Power Company. The order dimming signs, which was characterized by the fuel administration as a failure, saved only 15 tons of coal a month by the power company in Washington. Though exact figures are not available, it is believed that 15 tons of coal or more were saved last night by the dimming of all signs.

# WORK AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

## U. S. Signal Corps Reports Airplane Programme Progressing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The United States Signal Corps is ahead of schedule in its work on the airplane program, acting chief signal officer, said in submitting an annual report to Congress. His biennial statement was practically all his message carried to indicate that America's air work is really well on the way to accomplishment. "Conditions," he wrote, "prohibit the publication of details showing the progress in personnel and material."

# MAN SEEKING PASS TAKEN

## Socialist Editor Uses Wrong Name in Making Application.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—E. C. Keyser, who is said to be a correspondent for a Philadelphia Socialist newspaper, was taken into custody by an agent of the Department of Justice, on charges that he was trying to obtain a pass for the State, War and Navy Department building under the name of "R. E. Hamilton."

# CLEVELAND TO GIVE CARDS

## Rigid Regulation of Sugar and Flour Sale Found Necessary.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 2.—Adoption of the card system to control distribution of sugar, flour, flour substitutes and other cereals to grocers and retail stores was announced here today by Chairman Bishop of the city and county food committee. The order will go into effect February 4. The action followed revelations of a serious situation here, particularly with regard to sugar.

# Profiteers to Be Curbed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Unwarranted price increases in wheat flour substitutes will not be permitted. The Food Administration tonight gave warning to dealers that they must not take advantage of temporary shortages in other cereals brought on by the heavy demand the new baking regulations have caused.

Many complaints reached Food Administrator Hoover today that dealers in the way of proper distribution throughout the country.

"Unlicensed food retailers who sell at more than a reasonable profit will have their supplies cut off through the notification of licensees by the Food Administrator forbidding them to receive orders for food from such retailers."

A Korean lad holds the world's record for rapidity at figures. Recently he added mentally a column of 15 items of four figures each in seven seconds.

# TAX OUTLINED

## Rules on Personal and Corporation Measures Completed.

# DIVIDENDS FULLY COVERED

## Depletion in Case of Oil, Gas and Mining Companies Provided For. Certain Dividends Held Not Taxable as Income.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Regulations governing administration of the personal and corporation income tax were completed Friday by the bureau of internal revenue and will be ready for distribution early next week. Most of the provisions are the same as those covering the old income tax. The question of inventories is left open to be covered by a special regulation later.

Among the more important new regulations are those relating to dividends, depletion in the case of oil, gas and mining properties and payments from depreciation and depletion reserves.

"The ruling on dividends in substance," says an official memorandum on the regulations, "is that dividends paid during 1917 will be deemed to have been paid from 1917 earnings if such earnings during the year were greater than the dividends distributed, unless the corporations show that at the time of distribution of any particular dividends the earnings were not sufficient to cover."

"A new ruling as an alternative to the existing one has been provided for computing the amount necessary to return capital invested in oil and gas wells. The rule being provided is an estimate of the units contained in the property, and fee owners and lessees are placed upon the same basis insofar as bonuses have actually been paid for leases."

"In regard to mining corporations, it is stated that in passing on values set up as of March 1, 1913, as a basis for depletion the department will give due weight to market quotations on capital stock as of that date and to values in the nature of dividends distributed, and as a return of capital to the stockholders and not taxable as income. Such dividends will not be so regarded, however, unless the income and surplus have been first distributed and the fact that their capital has been reduced or partly returned is made public in their published statements."

"Provision also has been made reversing a previous ruling and holding as to stock returned to corporations upon reorganization for purposes of resale to new working interests that the proceeds when sold shall not be treated as income."

"A provision of former rulings that forbade the payment of dividends if the debtor has also been stricken out."

# BOARD REMAINS FIRM

## GOVERNMENT IS NOT DISPOSED TO GIVE UP OLYMPIA YARD.

Former Executive, Now Drawing \$10,000 and Doing Little, Falls to Conviction Committee of Ability.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 2.—There is no likelihood that the Senate commerce committee, on the evidence now before it, will recommend that the Shipping Board relinquish its control and management of the Sloan Shipyard at Olympia, Wash., and restore that property to the management and direction of Philip D. Sloan, president of the Sloan Shipyards Corporation. For while the evidence discloses that the Sloan yard is, seemingly, a good property and can be made to produce ships, the record, especially the testimony of Philip D. Sloan, did not satisfy the committee that the owners of this yard are properly equipped as the Shipping Board to carry forward the contract for building 16 Ferris ships for Government account.

So far as the physical plant of the Sloan Company is concerned, Mr. Sloan had little difficulty in convincing the commerce committee that he had the means necessary to carry through contracts for the Government, but on questions of business management, financial transactions, etc., Mr. Sloan did not convince the committee that he should be restored to control.

On his second day on the stand, Mr. Sloan was making a plea to have his yard returned to him. He told how the Shipping Board had taken control, had turned out most of his employees, and installed new men. Asked how he himself had been affected under the agreement by which the Shipping Board took over control of his shipyard, Mr. Sloan said he thought he was to be consulted, but found out to the contrary. "I sat in my office in Seattle for five weeks and the only time I was consulted was when they wanted to remove the Premier Engine Works up to Olympia," he said.

Verbal pyrotechnics were touched off with a genuine sputter at the luncheon of the Portland Realty Board at the Benson Hotel yesterday, when H. C. Campbell interrupted Judge Henry E. McGinn with a question when the latter was in the midst of a discussion of the 6-cent fare situation.

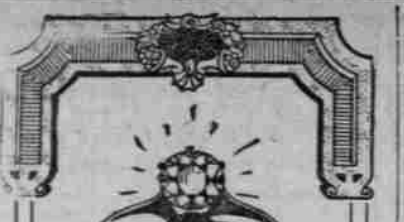
Judge McGinn, in reviewing the early history of the street railway system, had made the statement that the valuable franchises now owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company were acquired originally from the city without price through political manipulation and afterwards disposed of for a fabulous sum.

"What is your motive for attacking the street railway company?" inquired Mr. Campbell.

"I am actuated by purely patriotic reasons and a desire to see that the interests of the people are properly protected," answered Judge McGinn.

"In the past whenever you have gone out on one of these crusades you always wanted something at the hands of the people," came back Mr. Campbell, "and the people will soon find out that you are expecting something for your present attack. It may be United States Senatorship or the office of Mayor of Portland, but there is something you will want."

"Yes, and he will get it on his record," chorused the luncheon guests.



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who, while enjoying the passage at words apparently were not unfriendly to Judge McGinn.

In the main, the remarks of Judge McGinn did not differ essentially from other discussions he has made in public on the same subject. He charged that the increased fare had been obtained by the street railway company by unfair means and renewed his charge that the members of the Public Service Commission, which made the order granting the greater fare, was controlled by the officers of the railway corporation.

"You need expect no assistance from the City Commissioners in this fight to secure a reduction in the 6-cent fare," stated by Judge McGinn, "for they are with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company in this controversy. The street railway company had a hand in the election of Mayor Baker and several of the City Commissioners and they are merely doing what is expected of them by the interests that helped in their election."

"The very best work you can do is to abolish the Public Service Commission. The members of that body are absolutely in the control of Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. He has at all times had free access to the front and back doors of the commission and never has any trouble in getting an audience. But not so with LaRocca, your City Attorney, who is employed and paid by the city and is supposed to look after the interests of the whole city. But he never was there."

"Residents of this city may well advertise to the rest of the world and invite them not to come to Portland if they have any intention of doing so. We now head the list of jay-towns on the Pacific Coast. We have a City Commission that does not possess the necessary backbone to stand up and assert its rights under a solemn and binding contract. They do not have the interests of the people sufficiently at heart to insist upon the fulfillment by the street railway company of the terms of its franchise, which plainly stipulates that a 6-cent fare only shall be charged for passenger transportation on its lines."

In this connection Judge McGinn scored Mayor Baker and the City Commissioners for the failure to restore the jitney service in competition with the street railway and said the people could not expect any relief from the situation at the hands of the city administration. He stated that restoration of a jitney service as the most certain way of forcing the utility company to abandon its 6-cent fare and restore the former charge of 5 cents.

MANY QUERIES AT HAND  
REGISTRATION OF GERMANS WILL START NEXT MONDAY.

Department of Justice Receives Many Requests for Rulings on Citizenship of Aliens.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Department of Justice has received many requests for special rulings on the citizenship of aliens in preparation for the Nation-wide registration of German enemy aliens next week.

All unaturalized German males above the age of 14 will be required to register between next Monday and Saturday with the police of cities above 5000 population and with postmasters of smaller communities of rural districts. There will be no charge except for the four copies of the photograph, which the registrant must furnish. The subjects of Austria-Hungary and women are not compelled to register. Men born in the United States of German parents, or fully naturalized here, need not register, but those who have taken out their citizenship papers will have to enroll. Former residents of Alsace-Lorraine, born

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Special efforts are being made by the Department of Justice, by police and postoffice officials and others assisting in the registration to eliminate any idea that the registration implies any specific blame on the part of the Germans.

# FERGUSON HOME IS SOLD

## Charles E. Dant Purchases Property at Cost of \$25,000.

The \$25,000 three-story home of the late E. Z. Ferguson, at 825 Alameda drive, has been purchased by Charles E. Dant, of Dant & Russell, according to an announcement Friday by R. E. Street, Irvington realty dealer, through whose agency the sale was transacted. The cash consideration is said to be around \$25,000.

The Ferguson house is situated on a quarter-block of level land on the crest above Alameda drive. It is one of the most conspicuously attractive homes in that neighborhood, with a brick exterior and the interior finished in oak and mahogany.

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