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AMERICAN PROTEST TO ENGLAND STIRS BRITISH GREATLY TODAY

All of King George's Ministers Gather at London Conference to Discuss Note of President Wilson Protesting Against Delays to American Shipping Interests

NEWSPAPER FULL OF IT AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT MUTUAL GOOD WILL WILL PREVENT CLASH

London Globe Declares United States Is Endeavoring to Make Money Out of War Instead of Acting in Behalf of Higher Morality—Says Answers Must be No.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, (Dec. 30.—Foreign Secretary Grey returned to London from the country today. His coming was followed in the afternoon by a meeting of the cabinet, at which before the full muster of His Majesty's ministers, there was discussed the protest of the United States concerning the restrictions on American commerce. The note of the American government has just reached the British government and likely will occupy the attention of the ministry for a considerable time. The Washington communication holds first place, not only in the news and editorial columns of the newspapers, but wherever war and its attendant ramifications are discussed. It is contended everywhere that the mutual good will surely will bridge this difficulty between the countries.

London Paper Belligerent. The London Globe, however, takes exception to the American note. "The American government in effect demands that we should renounce in the interests of American profits our most potent weapon against our enemy; that we should raise the blockade against the entry of supplies," says the Globe. It contends that the American government remained silent in the face of all the violation of all conventions adopted at The Hague, and "the indefensible outrages inflicted on Belgium," it continues. "The voice of a great neutral nation which seeks to be the final arbiter to civilization is raised for the first time, not on the question of higher morality, but to express impatience at the fact that the greatest war in history of the world has interfered with the opportunities of American traders to make money out of necessities of the belligerents."

The Globe concludes its comment as follows: "There is only one possible answer to the American demand: 'No!'"

OFFICIAL PAPER'S VIEW. "We have no right to feel aggrieved because of American endeavors to mitigate losses which the war inflicts on merchants and manufacturers of that country," says the Westminster Gazette. This newspaper, more than any other, reflects the views of the government. Stating the right of search is conceded in the American note, the Westminster Gazette admits this right should be exercised with all possible regard to convenience of the neutrals.

It suggests that it would be well for the British government to supply daily to the American Ambassador a list of ships stopped, with a statement of the reasons therefor.

The prevent Great Britain from checking the shipment of copper to Germany would in effect be American intervention on the side of Germany, this paper contends. It absolves Washington from any such intention and points out if difficulties are faced in a spirit of fairness, the two governments by friendly agreement, will be able to ease the situation for each other.

A plea for mutual good will is made by the Pall Mall Gazette, which urges that between the two English-speaking nations so accustomed to frank discussion and plain dealing, there is no necessity for "irritation over any apparent brusquerie in the message."

TURKISH VICTORY REPORTED TODAY

Claim Sultan's Troops Were Successful in Caucasus Mountains

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, (By Wireless via Sayville) Dec. 30.—The official news bureau announced today that Constantinople reports another Turkish success on the River Kura in the Caucasus mountains. The Turks took many prisoners, several guns and other war material. The British renewed attempts to land troops at Akabah, Arabia, but failed.

FAVOR GOVERNMENT OWNED VESSELS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Urging in strong terms the passage of the administration ship purchase bill, Senator Fletcher for the majority of the commerce committee, presented a report on the measure to the Senate.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE NORTH IN-LET HALL, Thursday night. Gents 50 Cents.

AUSTRIA ADMITS GALICIA RETREAT

Officially Reports That Strong Russian Reinforcements Caused Retirement

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) VIENNA, (By Wireless) Dec. 30.—The official communication admits the retreat by Austrians in Galicia. The statement follows: "The old Russian army, which about a week ago commenced the offensive against the Carpathians, has been reinforced in such a manner that it was necessary for us to withdraw our troops along the entire eastern front and in the plains of Gorlice (just north of the Carpathians). The situation in the north has not been influenced thereby. In the Balkan theater the Montenegrins showed great but unsuccessful activity. The attack on Trebinje, Herzegovina, was repulsed. The Montenegrin artillery had no effect on the strong fortress of Krievostjio."

AFTER JAN. 1, Launch MESSENGER will make only FOUR TRIPS per week, running on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. DANCE AT SUMNER SATURDAY, JAN. 2.

Germans Claim Great Gains Against Russians in East

ENGLAND HIT BY SPEAKERS IN CONGRESS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—How the United States could end the European war in 90 days by cutting off the export of war supplies and how some day the "issue" between this country and Japan must be "tried out in the Pacific" were described today by Representative Vollmer, of Iowa, to the House Foreign Relations Committee. With Representative Bartholdt he endorsed a joint resolution to empower the President to prohibit the exports of war supplies. "There is only one nation," Vollmer emphatically declared, "whose lines of national interest are hopelessly opposed to our. I do not hesitate to predict Japan proposes to hold not only Kiau Chow, but the islands of the Pacific which she seized. Some day this issue must be tried out in the Pacific, and it may be to the interest of this country to have a powerful friend at her side. Germany cannot be beaten in this war. Her people are united and determined to fight to the last drop of blood." Bartholdt said: "The alliance of Great Britain with Japan is not a good omen for our future in the Pacific. We are now selling our neutrality for British gold."

HEROIC RESCUE OF MARSHFIELD GIRL

M. C. Miller, of McMinnville, Swims Through Ice With Sister—Spence Wilson

The following from a Portland paper will be of interest in Marshfield, as Misses Wilson and Miller have just returned here.

"To rescue his sister Laura from the Yamhill River on December 24, M. S. Miller, of McMinnville, Or., jumped from a burning launch and swam to shore with her through a thin sheet of ice, according to Miss Myrtle Miller, another sister, and Miss Spence Wilson, his cousin, who passed through Portland yesterday on the way to the latter's home in Marshfield. Miss Miller was crowded into the river during a fire on a gasoline launch in which she was riding with her brother and three others. The remainder of the party paddled the blazing launch to shore, where Mr. Miller assisted them to safety.

"The party consisted of the two Miller girls, Miss Maud Barks and James Huddle, aged 12 years, and Mr. Miller, all of McMinnville, and Miss Wilson. They had gone down the river two miles from McMinnville in search of a Christmas tree. "The water pipes on the engine froze while the boat was drifting and when Mr. Miller tried to thaw them by burning a handful of waste there was an explosion and the rear of the boat, where the engine was located, burst into flames. Mr. Miller turned off the gasoline and threw an old blanket over the engine. Meanwhile the girls and boy had climbed on the front platform. In the confusion Miss Laura Miller, a recent graduate of the McMinnville High School, was crowded off into the water.

"Mr. Miller, still fighting the flames, was attracted by the cries of his companions and plunged into the river, fully clad, after the girl had sunk twice. The river is swift at this point. The center of the stream was open, but a thin sheet of ice extended about 15 feet from the bank on either side. Mr. Miller reached his sister as she was going down for the third time and swam to the ice without difficulty, but had hard work to break his way through.

"Mr. Miller's hand and face were severely lacerated and Miss Miller's

Announce Czar's Forces Driven Within Four Miles of East Prussian Boundary

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COOS COUNTY MAN IS IN TIPPERARY

W. m. C. Carey, Formerly With Smith-Powers Co., Enlists in Army in Ireland

"It's a long, long way to Tipperary" but William C. Carey, formerly a fireman for the Smith-Powers Co., has reached there and enlisted in the Seventeenth Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and is now in training to join the allied army in France. News of his arrival came in a letter to George E. Cook this morning. Carey was a member of the Moose and sent his advance dues to Mr. Cook as secretary of the lodge.

He wrote from Belfast, Ireland, under date of December 3 and said that they would leave the next day for Tipperary to go into training camp to prepare for service at the front.

Carey formerly fired for Engineer Raymond F. Williams. After leaving here, Carey went to Canada and tried to enlist but was rejected. However he was determined to fight under the Union Jack and when turned down at the Canadian recruiting station he proceeded to the "Auld Sod" and was accepted.

body was covered with bruises. "Meanwhile the remainder of the party had paddled the burning boat toward shore and got near the bank about fifty yards down the river, where, with the assistance of Mr. Miller, they made a landing.

"The flames were then conquered by smothering them with blankets and throwing water on them. The fight with the fire lasted about 20 minutes.

"Mr. Miller is a partner in the McMinnville Heating and Plumbing Company. He is about 30 years old, is six feet tall and weighs 190 pounds. He was none the worse for his experience. The Millers are cousins of Dr. Charles B. Frisbie, of Portland.

"It was a terrible experience," said Miss Wilson. "I felt that I was going to be drowned, burned and blown to atoms all at once. There was a five-gallon can of gasoline near the engine. We carried that to the front of the boat."

"Miss Miller was taken to a farmhouse near the scene of the accident, and was ill for a couple of days, but has recovered completely. DANCE THE OLD YEAR OUT AND THE NEW YEAR IN AT EAGLES' HALL, DECEMBER 31, MARTIN'S ORCHESTRA. DANCING UNTIL 1 O'CLOCK.

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SLIGHT GAINS BY ALLIES FRENCH SAY

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MRS. MURDOCK DEAD.

Wife of Founder of Wichita Daily Eagle Succumbs.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WICHITA, Kans., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Victoria Murdock, mother of Representative Murdock, died today of a stroke of paralysis. She was the widow of M. M. Murdock, the founder of the Wichita Daily Eagle.

TROOPS QUIT COLORADO.

Gradual Withdrawal of U. S. Forces in Strike Zone.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Troop L of the Twelfth United States Cavalry, on patrol duty in Routt county, Colorado since last May, was ordered today to return to its home station at Fort Meade, South Dakota. Orders for the gradual withdrawal of other federal troops are in preparation.

CANADIAN SHIP IS BREAKING UP

Vessel Recently Chartered by British Admiralty to Take Cargo is Wrecked

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 30.—The steamer Navarra, 2947 tons, which left St. John's yesterday under charter to the Admiralty and was bound for France, struck on Holmes Island during the night and was reported this afternoon to be breaking up. No word was received as to the safety of the crew.

GERMANS CLAIM MORE VICTORIES OVER RUSSIA IN EASTERN WAR

Berlin Statement and Petrograd Advices in Direct Contradiction of Each Other Today—Germans Claim Russians Driven Back in East Prussia to Near Border

CLAIM CAPTURE OF IMPORTANT TOWNS IN ADVANCE THROUGH RUSSIAN POLAND LATELY

Allies Capture of Belgian Town Admitted by Germans—Mostly Artillery Engagements in Western Arena of War—Developments of the Last Few Days.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Dec. 30.—German victories in the East announced by the Berlin War Office, whose statement is in direct contradiction with the recent Petrograd dispatches. It asserted that the Russian cavalry, which invaded East Prussia, had been driven back to a point four miles from the border.

In Poland, according to the Berlin statement, the German advance continues, and it is said Skierniewic and Lowice were captured nearly a week ago. Referring to the situation in the West, the German statement confirms the French statement that the Allies captured the Belgian town of St. Georges, where the Germans are now conducting a counter attack. The French announced the capture of an important point of support southeast of Sonnebeke. There was practically no infantry action along the remainder of the western front, although artillery duels continue.

NORTH BEND BANKS CONSOLIDATE UNDER NAME OF FIRST NATIONAL

Merger of Bank of Oregon and First National Bank of North Bend Agreed Upon

STRONGER INSTITUTION WILL AID NORTH BEND

Officers of New Institution Will Be Chosen Jan. 12.—Will Take Effect Soon

It was announced today that the Bank of Oregon and First National Bank of North Bend would be merged under the name of the First National Bank of North Bend. The merger will take effect early next month. The consolidation has been voted upon and approved by the stockholders of the Bank of Oregon and has been approved by the First National. The officers of the consolidated bank will be chosen at a meeting to be held January 12.

The consolidation of the two North Bend banks has been under consideration for some time. There were many reasons in favor of the merger, among them being the elimination of taxes and overhead expenses, and at the same time give the community a stronger financial institution that would be able to do more for the communal development and welfare than the two smaller institutions could.

Both banks have been doing a good business and have enjoyed a steady growth with the rest of the community. The Bank of Oregon was the pioneer in the North Bend field, being established by L. J. Simpson and C. S. Winsor about eleven years ago. Later Henry Hewitt and Seymour H. Bell became identified with it and a few years ago their interest was taken over by C. S. Winsor and C. B. Smith. The bulk of the stock in it is now held by L. J. Simpson, Edgar Simpson, A. M. Simpson, C. S. Winsor and C. R. Sulth.

GERMAN SHIP IS SOLD IN INTERNE

Transfer of Dacia at Port Arthur, Texas, to Americans Questioned at Washington

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The details of the transfer from German to American registry of the Hamburg-American steamship Dacia, interned at Port Arthur, Texas, at the outbreak of the European war, is desired by the government, according to word received by federal officials here from Washington. The sale of the vessel and application for transfer was executed here.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Fox will be held from the Baptist Church, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. LeRoy Hall, officiating. Friends are invited.

North Bend Firemen's Tenth Annual Ball, Eckhoff Hall, North Bend, New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31, Busby Orchestra.

MASKED ROBBERS LOOT FAST TRAIN

Two Bandits Rob Sunset Express Near Cline, Texas, and Escape With Booty

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30.—Two masked men boarded the west-bound Sunset Express near Cline early today, robbed the passengers in the two rear sleeping cars, signalled the train to stop and dropped off and escaped. The amount of their booty is unknown, but it is believed to be considerable.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY OF THE NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH AT MARSHFIELD WILL GIVE A NORWEGIAN "LUTEFISK" SUPPER AT THE CHAPEL PARLORS THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31, BEGINNING AT 7:30.

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