

HAVE A HEART

Your Dollar is interested in Coos Bay. Here is where it associates with other Dollars of its kind and helps to make prosperity. Don't send it away—it will be lonesome.

Coos Bay Times

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PERSEVERANCE

A merchant cannot omit his advertising without the fact being "noticed"—to his disadvantage. If he could, he could also close his store for a while now and then, to "save expense."

VOL. NO. XXXVIII.

Established 1878 as The Coast Mail.

MARSHFIELD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1915—EVENING EDITION.

A Consolidation of Times, Coast Mail and Coos Bay Advertiser

No. 178

Six Lives Lost And Many Injured in Bunker Hill Hotel Fire Last Night

BYRON CRAIG MAY BE SEVENTH VICTIM OF COOS BAY HOLOCAUST

Believe That Fire Which Wrecked Smith Mill Boarding House, Endangering Forty-five Occupants, Was Caused by Cigarette.

MOST OF INJURED REPORTED TO BE GETTING ALONG WELL AT HOSPITAL THIS AFTERNOON

Building Owned by C. A. Smith Company and is Total Loss—Father of Proprietor Craig One of Victims—Coroner's Inquest May Be Held Today

DEAD

- Luis Kalowonski Waiter
S. E. Lewis Laborer
W. S. Glover Laborer
William Ward Stranger
A. A. Craig Laborer
Louis Pepas Laborer

LIST OF INJURED IN HOSPITAL

- V. W. Olson, incised wound of scalp, burned internally, hands cut and contusion of scalp.
C. A. Reese, fractured left thigh.
Jas. Sheehan, burned left hand and face.
E. S. Sherrar, wounds of head, feet, right arm from glass.
J. Johansen, burns of head, face, arms and hand.
S. Norbdy, incised wound of foot.
Gus Skuug, sprained left ankle.
A number of others sustained minor cuts from flying glass and jumping on glass.

CRAIG BOY IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Byron Craig, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Craig, is in a rather critical condition at Mercy Hospital, and it will be a day or two before his exact condition can be told. He is burned about the face, hands, neck, abdomen, knees and feet, the large extent of the surface burns making the case a most critical one. He is coughing severely, but whether this is due to smoke or inhalation of heat is not certain. More than one-third of the surface of his body is afflicted and in such cases recovery is doubtful. However, he is an exceptionally brave lad, standing his pain heroically.

Six are dead and seven are in Mercy Hospital as the result of a fire that at two o'clock this morning completely destroyed the Craig Boarding House in Bunker Hill.

The loss of the building, which was owned and leased by the Smith Company to George W. Craig, is estimated at \$10,000 covered by insurance.

Occupants of the house were not awakened until the building was a flaming caldron. Egress via the one fire escape on the south end was completely cut off and many were forced to jump for their lives in their night clothes from the second and third stories. Through the rain the lodgers fled to the homes of neighbors, where they were taken in and cared for.

As mute evidence of the fierceness of the blaze and the suddenness of the attack, four corpses were discovered by the firemen this morning in the smoking ruins of the three story building. There they remained, burned beyond the point of recognition, until removed to the morgue by Coroner Fred Wilson.

How the fire started is a mystery. Inasmuch as the blaze seemed to have originated in the lobby of the boarding house, the supposition is that a carelessly thrown cigarette or an overheated stove started the blaze that spread with lightning-like rapidity, sweeping in a crackling mass down the narrow hallways.

Lodgers awakening and coming to the doors found their way blocked and returned to take their chances through the windows. Many who leaped from the third and second floors received injuries though but a few were in need of hospital treatment.

Spreads First Alarm
E. O. Willets, janitor who slept on the third story, was perhaps the first man awake. In scanty attire he groped his way shouting down the smoke laden halls, hammering on the doors as he went. Returning to his room he then slipped onto the porch roof and climbed through a window to the second floor, where he again yelled "fire!"

(Continued on Page Six.)

SAYS CIGARETTE CAUSED BAD FIRE

Claim That Roomer Had Habit of Smoking in Bed—Odor of Burning Flesh

That the fire was caused by a cigarette was the claim made to L. E. Blivens, of the Marshfield Fire Department by a party who had been stopping at the Craig Boarding House. Mr. Blivens said that one of the roomers, near the stairs, had a habit of smoking cigarettes after retiring and had previously caused scares. As the fire apparently started near the stairway, the supposition naturally is that this was again the cause.

Odor of Burning Flesh
Mr. Blivens said that the intense heat from the fire was hard to combat, but when the odor of burning flesh came, it was almost sickening.

Mr. Blivens said that two or three in one wing of the building had been suffocated in their beds before the flames reached them. He said that they had never awakened.

Did Heroic Work
Mr. Blivens says that the dash that Max Kruger and James Merchant made into the burning building to rescue A. A. Craig was one of the most heroic actions he has seen in a long time.

The building was all in flames and the rooms were thick with smoke. Wetting down blankets to envelop their heads when they reached the worst of it, they dashed into the room where they found Mr. Craig holding fast to the bedstead. In carrying the aged invalid out Bruger's arms and neck became exposed and he was badly blistered, but it is not believed that the burns will be serious.

Fire Was Inside
R. P. Harrington, night watchman of the mill, made his rounds and passed near the Craig boarding house a short time before the fire. He said this morning that about twenty minutes after he had passed the place

German War Zone Order to Become Effective at Midnight

COLLIER SUNK BY TORPEDO OF GERMANS

HAVRE, Feb. 17.—Two of the crew of the missing steamer collier Dulwich, bound from Hull to Rouen, which was torpedoed last night by a German submarine twenty miles northwest of Cape De La Heve. 22 members of the crew picked up by the French destroyer Arquebuse. Seven others rowed to Fecamp. While pulling to the French coast, the crew of the Dulwich saw the submarine rise to the surface several times as if watching them and then disappeared again.

SAYS TURKEY HAD TO ENTER WAR

Talaat Bey, Director of Public Affairs, Says Germany Was Not Responsible

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 17.—"Turkey declared war without being urged by Germany or impelled by other influences, save those of the Empire," said Talaat Bey today in a statement to the Associated Press. Talaat Bey fills the post of Minister of the Interior, Finance and Marine, and virtually directs public affairs of Turkey.

"Turkey engaged in military operations only when actions on the part of Russia and Great Britain made defensive measures necessary. The Holy War is not menacing to Christians, but the Holy War is a fact which the enemies of the Mohammedan world should bear in mind."

DIVINE SARAH WILL LOSE LIMB

Mme. Bernhardt in Hospital at Bordeaux to Undergo Operation Monday

BORDEAUX, Feb. 17.—Sarah Bernhardt, who is in a hospital here awaiting the amputation of her leg, necessitated by an injury to her knee, continued to maintain her spirits. She telegraphed to a friend that her leg would be amputated Monday and after that she would be quite happy.

RENO MAY AGAIN BE DIVORCE CENTER

CARSON CITY, Feb. 17.—A bill providing six months' residence in Nevada for divorces passed the Senate today by a vote of 12 to 10. The bill now goes to the Governor.

he again came into view of the hotel and saw flames. He had just started to turn in the alarm when someone else did. He says that the fire must have started inside the house where it could not be visible from the outside or he would certainly have seen it when he made the rounds.

Don't miss the demonstration at the Warner Grocery Co. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All Tillmann's Canned Goods.

Times want ads bring results.

Practically No Chance of England Accepting Germany's Proposal of Agreement

MANY SHIP LINES WILL STOP SERVICE

Some Neutrals Will Continue But Will Take Extra Precautions

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SHIP LINE WILL SUSPEND SERVICE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—An Amsterdam dispatch says the Batavia and Zeeland shipping lines and service between Folkestone and Flushing will be suspended a few days after February 18th, the date on which the German blockade of British waters begins.

GERMANY'S REPLY.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Germany's reply to the United States' note of protest against the regulations proposed for the war zone has been handed to Ambassador Gerard and will probably be forwarded to Washington today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WILHELMINA'S CREW.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The report which was current last night to the effect that a prize crew had been placed on board the American steamer Wilhelmina at Falmouth has proved to be an error. The officer commanding the men in charge of the Wilhelmina said the detachment was not a prize crew but merely a guard.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—At the stroke of midnight, the waters surrounding the coasts of the United Kingdom will become, as far as within the power of Germany to make them, a war zone, which all vessels, neutral or otherwise, will penetrate at their peril.

Some services across the channel will be curtailed, but the majority of the neutrals will accept the risk. The names and nationality of the vessels and the flags of their nations will be painted on the sides in the hope that German submarines will not sink them by mistake. Apparently that is not the slightest prospect that England will accept the German proposal to call off the blockade if England will allow neutral ships to deliver food to German non-combatants.

GERMAN SHIPS NOT TO BE PURCHASED

Baltimore Steamship Man Says Interned Vessels Excluded from McAdoo Plan

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Bernard N. Baker, Baltimore steamship manager, told the Senate committee inquiring into the charges of influence against the ship bill today that in all his conversations with Secretary McAdoo he had so excluded German ships as unavailable to the government that the possibility of their purchase never was discussed. Baker added that he was satisfied that McAdoo acquiesced in that view.

Times want ads bring results.

CANNOT BAR SHIPMENTS OF U. S. FOODS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—President Wilson declared today that he believed an erroneous impression existed concerning the food supply of the United States. In a letter to Mayor Mitchell of New York, replying to a suggestion that an embargo be placed by the federal government on exports of wheat, the President wrote that in the near future the administration will issue a statement showing the exact situation. It is understood to be the position of the President that he has no authority to declare an embargo.

DANISH STEAMER REPORTED SEIZED

Vessel Carrying Cargo From New York to Copenhagen Taken to English Port

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SHIP WAS RELEASED.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Danish steamer Oscar II, taken into Kirkwall Sunday by a British warship, was released Monday according to dispatches from London.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Agents of the Scandinavian-American line announced that the steamship Oscar II, from New York for Christiania and Copenhagen, had reached Kirkwall, Orkney Islands. Although the agents say she has no contraband and was destined for a neutral port, they assume that she was captured by a Danish warship.

SHIPPING BILL IS PROBABLY KILLED

Democrats Unable to Muster Sufficient Strength in Senate to Enact Wilson's Bill

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Administration leaders got another set-back in the fight for the federal ship purchase bill when they suddenly learned today that the bill as it passed the House last night will not command the support of Kenyon, Norris or LaFollette, on whom they had counted, nor the support of any of the seven insurgents in their own party. This left the situation as indefinite as before.

A plan to move to concure with the House amendments was wrecked by the discovery of the leaders that they could not muster enough votes. The administration leaders then discussed a plan to send to the bill to a conference with the hope of putting on some amendments to command support. After a series of motions to send the bill to conference, motions to table, appeals and other maneuvers in which the seven democratic insurgents voted with the republicans, the bill finally got into the parliamentary position where it cannot be called up again except on a motion for its consideration.

Times want ads bring results.

Times want ads bring results.

Times want ads bring results.

GERMANS CLAIM RUSSIAN LOSS IN EAST PRUSSIA IS OVER 50,000

ALLIES RENEWING FIGHTING IN WEST

Said to Be Offset Germans' Gains in East—New Invasion of Serbia Planned

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The German war office announces the utter defeat of the Russians and the capture of over 50,000 prisoners near the East Prussian border in the recent fighting and an unofficial report asserts that the Russian army at the other end of the eastern front is also in danger, the force which penetrated Bukovina having been enveloped by the Austro-Hungary troops. A general battle is believed to be pending near Czernowitz.

An Athens dispatch states that a formidable army has been assembled for a new campaign against Serbia. This army is described as amounting to 450,000 men, made up in part of Germans.

Heavy fighting is now under way in France and Belgium. Berlin asserts that the Allies in the west were forced to take the offensive to counteract the German victories in the east.

Berlin says the French and English attacks in many places were repulsed and claims German advances in Argonne, but Paris says the German onslaught in this region was driven back.

Great Britain tensely awaits the beginning of the German submarine blockade at midnight.

ENGLISH SHIPS SUNK

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 17.—It was reported today from credible sources that the German steamer Holger was sighted yesterday headed for Buenos Ayres having on board the crews of several English ships sent to the bottom by some German warships.

BIG PARSEVAL IS DAMAGED BY GUN

Report That German War Balloon Was Hit by Gun Fire Near Amsterdam Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A big airship, believed to be of the Parseval type, apparently damaged by gun fire, flew over Amsterdam this morning, a correspondent telegraphs. It was later sighted minus its gondola.

DEFER AWARD IN RAILWAY WAGES

Arbitration Committee to Announce decision in Eastern States April 20.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The award of the board of arbitration in the wage movement of the engineers of 98 western railroads will be handed down April 20 and will be effective May 1. A stipulation to this effect was signed today by the representatives of the railroads and employees.

LUMBERMEN IN SESSION TODAY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The lumbermen of ten western states, members of the western retail lumbermen's association, opened a three-day convention here today, the first of 500 conventions to be held in San Francisco in 1915.

Official Announcement From Berlin Tells of Most Decisive Victory in North

EMPEROR WILLIAM WAS PRESENT DURING BATTLE

Nine Days Struggle on Mazurian Lake Plateau Disastrous for Czar's Forces

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

AUSTRIAN VICTORY.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The Russian army in Bukovina has been enveloped by the Austro-Hungarian army between the Pruth and Sereth rivers, says a dispatch from Bistritz. One Austrian army, pushing the Russians from the south, has reached Storzshelnitz, while another Austrian force reached the vicinity of Czernowitz.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Feb. 17. (By Wireless.)

The official statement today says: "In a nine days' battle in the Mazurian Lake district, the Russian tenth army, consisting of at least eleven infantry and several cavalry divisions, was not only driven out of strongly entrenched positions east of the Mazurian Lake plateau, but was forced back across the frontier. Utterly defeated at every point, only remnants of the army managed to reach the woods east of Suwalki and Augustowo, where they are being pursued. The number of prisoners has not been ascertained, but certainly exceeds 50,000. More than 50 cannon and 60 machine guns besides an unknown quantity of war material was captured. Emperor William was present during the decisive fighting in the center of our line."

The victory was won by the veteran East Prussian troops assisted by other troops who were young for such work but proved their worth. The achievements of these troops under the fearful weather conditions, marching by day and night and fighting against such a stubborn enemy, are beyond all praise."

SPECIAL TRIP TO CANAL SQUELCHED

No Steamboat Available for Coos Bay Excursion to Canal and Fair.

Renewed plans of a special steamship for a Coos Bay excursion to the Panama Canal and the Exposition in San Francisco, a trip to last at least three weeks, have been practically squelched by word from the steamship agents that it will be practically impossible to secure a ship for the occasion.

C. P. McGeorge today stated that there had been talk, both here and in Portland, of taking the George W. Elder off her regular Portland to Eureka run and send her south for three weeks as an excursion ship. The ship has accommodations for more than 200 passengers and has a speed of between 14 and 15 knots.

To take the boat from her schedule, it is believed by the officers, would be an expensive procedure, and a blow to their future business, despite the fact that they would likely make a profit on the southern excursion. The matter of charging sightseers \$75 a piece for the three weeks trip promised not only a good crowd from Coos Bay, but an advertisement, as well, for this vicinity.

Their remains but one ship of the North Pacific fleet out of commission, says Mr. McGeorge, local agent, and that is the Alliance, that formerly came in here on the Willamette River, but the expense of getting her ready for the trip, he states, would make the proposition a prohibitive one.

And so it seems that the plans begun for a Coos Bay excursion to the South, for a trip through the Canal and several days at the Exposition, have all come to naught for need of a ship. The larger boat on regular passenger runs on this coast are so much in demand as the local ships because of the increased trade for this spring and summer.