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AMERICAN STEAMER EVELYN IS SUNK OFF GERMAN COAST

and Cargo Total Loss, But Crew is Reported to Have Been Saved

IS SUPPOSED THAT VESSEL STRUCK MINE

Diplomatic Action Beyond Claim for Damages is Probable

ONLY ONE MAN LOST

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—Further reports concerning the sinking of the American steamer Evelyn show that only one man of the crew lost his life. He was frozen to death in a small boat after the sinking of the steamer. The Evelyn struck two mines, but the crew managed to get into the life boats. Some were taken up by a German ship to Helgoland while others were landed in Holland.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Secretary Daniels today ordered Commander Gherardi, American naval attaché at Berlin, to investigate and make a full report of the destruction of the American steamer Evelyn.

Was Insured. The Evelyn is the first ship insured with the United States bureau of war risk insurance to be lost since it began operating several months ago. Insurance on ships and cargoes amounting to more than \$5,000,000 has been written.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The sinking of the American steamer Evelyn off the German coast, presumably by a mine, although the crew was saved, brought daily before official Washington the dangers to which American vessels are exposed in the waters adjacent to the belligerent states of Europe. Since the outbreak of the war the North Sea has been mined by both Great Britain and Germany. The only message before the Department early in the war was from American Consul at Bremen, who reported that the ship and cargo were lost, but crew was safe.

It is considered unlikely that there will be any diplomatic action extending beyond claims for damages, inasmuch as there is no international convention in force providing for the laying of mines. The prevailing opinion in administration circles was that the government should stand firmly on the warnings of Great Britain and Germany respectively concerning the misuse of mines and possible submarine attacks.

WASHINGTON SEES NO COMPLICATIONS
Senator Stone Says No Cause for Alarm in Sinking of Steamship Evelyn

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Senator Stone of the Senate foreign relations committee, said that he could see no complications arising from the destruction of the steamer Evelyn. "The American vessel," he said, "sank in an area known to be mined, and unfortunately struck a mine. So far it is not known what caused the mine. It is probable there will be a national claim for damages when all the facts are established."

DOOR TENNIS CHAMPIONS
NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—G. F. Richard and W. H. Washburne, of the National indoor tennis doubles championship today, defeated Karl Behr and T. R. Peil, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

AUSTRALIAN BOAT MAKES ESCAPE

PLYMOUTH, Feb. 22.—The Western Daily Mercury says that when the Australian mail boat Maloja, with 400 passengers, was entering the English Channel Saturday, she was ordered to stop by an unidentified armored merchantman. The Maloja fled and the merchantman fired five shells. The vessel reached Plymouth safely.

SEARCHERS SCOUR BAY FOR LOST BOY

LEFT YESTERDAY FOR ROW ON PONY SLOUGH—FAILS TO RETURN AND IS THOUGHT DROWNED.

Boatmen are scouring Pony Slough and the lower Bay this afternoon in strenuous effort to locate a young lad named Knight, a visitor in North Bend, who left yesterday morning early for a row and has failed to return. That the boy has been drowned is the belief, a heavy wind and storm coming up shortly after he left. His boat may have been capsize somewhere in the channel.

The boy is 15 years of age and came to North Bend from his home in Eugene, to visit with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Watt, who have lived on Coos Bay for about three months.

It was shortly after sunrise yesterday morning that the youth left the house, declaring he wanted to take a short row. He left in a small boat and was last seen on Pony Slough. When he failed to return later in the day the relatives became excited and immediately headed a searching party.

SEATTLE MAN GETS PLACE ON BOARD

President Wilson Nominates Members of New Federal Trade Commission

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—President Wilson today nominated the following members of the new Federal Trade Commission: Joseph F. Davies, Madison, Wis.; Edward N. Hurley, Chicago; William J. Harris, Cedarhurst, Georgia; William H. Parry, Seattle; George Rublee, Corvallis, N. H. The political affiliations of the members of the commission shows that it has three Democrats, one Progressive Republican and one Progressive. Parry is described by the White House as a Progressive Republican and Rublee as a Progressive. Davis is a commissioner of the Bureau of Corporations, which is merged with the trade commission under the new law.

ALLEGANY ITEMS

(Special to The Times.) ALLEGANY, Feb. 22.—A special school meeting at Allegany Dist. 54 was held February 24th to elect a member on the school board to fill the vacancy caused by W. A. Gage moving to Arizona. Mr. Edwin Barker was elected. No teacher has been elected as yet for the summer and one is needed. Thursday, February 25 has been the day decided upon to work on the road to the Allegany school house. Everybody invited to enjoy the day's outing. Men bring your picks and shovels and ladies bring your lunch baskets. Jack McDonald who has been in Leon Lake, walked in Saturday in order to attend the funeral of Wm. Bickford's infant child, who passed away Friday morning.

Germany Claims Russian Tenth Army is Destroyed

TAFT THINKS U. S. FACES CRISIS NOW

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Feb. 22.—The United States is threatened with a serious invasion of its rights as a neutral by the warring nations of Europe and in preserving its commerce with those nations in face of face with a crisis, in the opinion of former President Taft at the conclusion of an address before the Washington Association of New Jersey today. "When the President shall act," Taft declared, "we must stand by him to the end."

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NORWEGIAN BOAT IS SUNK TODAY

FREIGHTER CUBA GOES DOWN IN COLLISION IN NORTH SEA TODAY

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Norwegian freighter Cuba, bound from London to Rotterdam, was today in a collision in the North Sea. So far as known, no lives were lost. The vessel carried the official mail bag of an American commission for the relief of Belgium.

DOANE IS RETAINED

By a 17 to 8 vote the Merchants' Patrol this afternoon voted to retain J. C. Doane as patrolman with Deputy Sheriff power, this being given him by Sheriff Johnson. He will serve without pay. This ends the trouble brewed when the police power was taken from the special officer and under a former motion of the association he would have lost his position but for the decision of this afternoon.

SMALL BLAZE EARLY TODAY

Small Fire Scare.—A fire caused by a defective flue started on the roof of the P. Dodson home in First Addition between 5:30 and 6 o'clock this morning. With the help of the neighbors the fire was extinguished. The damage, amounting to \$100, was covered by insurance.

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COLORADO INDIANS ON WARPATH

Three Killed and Three Wounded in an All-Night Battle in Utah

DENVER, Feb. 22.—Advices from Grayson, Utah, today, stated that the Piute Indians, led by Tse Ne Gat, are surrounded by a reinforced posse in a cotton-wood gulch, near Bluff.

JACK JOHNSON ON WAY TO JUAREZ

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HAYANA, Cuba, Feb. 22.—Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, arrived here this morning from Cienfuegos. He said his only anxiety now was to reach Juarez, Mexico, in time for his match with Jess Willard on March sixth.

GASOLINE TEN CENTS

FORTLAND, Or., Feb. 22.—Gasoline is 10 cents a gallon has arrived in Portland as the latest move in the price war among local retailers. This is two cents less than the standard wholesale price, but the retailers who buy in large quantities are given a price of 10 cents by the wholesalers. Thus the dealer who sells at 10 cents is selling at a loss to the extent of the cost of handling. So far only one dealer has made the 10-cent price. Others are selling at 11 and 11 1/2 cents a gallon.

WATERFRONT NEWS

This afternoon the bar was breaking across its entire width and since eleven this morning the George W. Elder has been waiting outside for the tide to turn. She expects to cross in about three o'clock, arriving in the upper bay late this afternoon.

VILLA FORCES CAPTURE A LARGE TOWN

EL PASO, Feb. 22.—Villa's secretary, in a telegram from Guadaluajara reported today that bombardment of Progresso on the Southern coast of Mexico by the gunboat Michor Campo. Carranza troops held the town which was defended successfully. The important town of Rosario, in the state of Sinaloa, is reported to have been captured by the Villistas.

PROMINENT GERMAN GENERAL DEAD

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from Berlin says that Lieutenant General Von Wrochen, Commander of a German Army division who was recently awarded the iron cross, is dead at Berlin.

KILLED IN IOWA WRECK

Engineer and Mail Clerk Lose Lives—Passengers Injured. DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 22.—The engineer killed, mail clerk fatally injured, fireman missing and eight passengers were injured when the Chicago Great Western passenger train, southbound from Des Moines to Kansas City, was wrecked at Talmage, Iowa, today. Spreading rails caused the disaster.

DIVINE SARAH LOSES LEG

BORDEAUX, Feb. 22.—The right leg of Madame Sarah Bernhardt, famous tragedienne, was amputated today at St. Augustine Hospital at Archachon. The operation was made necessary by affection of the knee, which had caused much suffering for several years.

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EXPOSITION AUTO RACES POSTPONED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—On account of unsatisfactory condition of the course and also threatening weather, the Vanderbilt cup race was postponed today until a week from Saturday. The drivers made an exhibition round of the course.

HONOR GEORGE WASHINGTON TODAY

President Wilson is the Principal Speaker at Celebration in Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday is being commemorated here today by appropriate exercises. Government business has been partially suspended, with the closing of the executive and judicial departments. The legislative branch, however, is in session. The principal celebration is being held under the auspices of various patriotic societies, at which President Wilson is on the program as principal speaker.

DEATH BECKONS TO ANOTHER PIONEER

LYMAN M. NOBLE, ONE OF COOS BAY'S MOST PROMINENT PIONEERS, PASSES AWAY THIS MORNING.

L. M. Noble, one of Coos Bay's most prominent pioneers, passed away at 10 o'clock this morning at his home, 325 First Street North, after a four weeks losing fight with heart trouble. For a week he had been very low and several days ago the doctor told his relatives that all hope was past.

With the going of Mr. Noble there went one of the men who grew up with this community, having come here as one of the first white men on Coos Bay. Engaging in the logging industry, he later made sound investments in real estate, a fact that left him quite wealthy.

The deceased leaves a wife, a daughter, an only child, died many years ago. Mrs. William Saunders, a sister lives on Coos Bay, also two half brothers, Charles Jackson, of Ross Inlet and George Jackson, of Empire. Another half brother, Andrew J. Jackson, lives at Montesano, Washington. They have been wired of the death and until word is received from them no definite funeral arrangements will be made, though it is expected the burial will be on Wednesday.

There are six nephews that survive L. M. Noble. Two of them, Harry and Charles Noble, live in Marshfield, Richard and William Noble are now residents of Portland and Claude and Joe Noble live at Ten Mile. One niece, Mrs. Frank Bowron lives at Ten Mile.

Here 62 Years

Lyman M. Noble was born in Bates county, Mo., September 16, 1848, and came to Coos county in 1853. He first resided with his parents at Empire City. His wife, who survives him was formerly Miss Mary Nancy Yoakam and she was born in Yamhill county, Oregon, January 9, 1851. They were married August 24, 1875. Only one daughter was born to them, Maude Jessie, who died February 9, 1891, at the age of thirteen.

Owned Much Property

L. M. Noble was one of the big property holders of Coos Bay. In addition to extensive ranch holdings, he owns much valuable property in Marshfield. During the last few years he has devoted his attention largely to his Marshfield property, improving much of it. He is said to have

The Senate Debates Army Bill and the Mexican Situation

HOUSE CONSIDERS COAST FORTIFICATIONS

An Increase of Army to 250,000 Men Will Be Up Next Session

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—War and preparedness for war were the sole topics of discussion of Congress. The Senate is debating the army bill and the House is working on appropriations for coast fortifications. Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate military committee, gave notice that legislation for an army of 250,000 men and a reserve system would be taken up at the next session.

Mexico figured much in the Senate debate. Senator Villa suggested that if Villa knew how unprepared the United States was for war he would take the country in two weeks.

\$30,000,000 for Submarines

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The Senate Republicans intend to put a larger submarine building program in the pending naval bill than has been provided by the House. Senator Smoot introduced today an amendment for 50 submarines of the sea-going type and 25 smaller ones. For the first year it would appropriate \$30,000,000.

TWO VICTIMS OF FIRE ARE BURIED

PAY LAST RESPECTS—JOE BROOKER, SUPPOSED EIGHTH VICTIM, HAS BEEN FOUND

A mass of flowers heaped high on the casket yesterday bore mute evidence of the deep feeling with which friends and citizens of the community viewed the deaths of A. A. Craig and young Byron Craig, victims of Wednesday morning's holocaust and after the services conducted in the Wilson Undertaking Parlors by Rev. LeRoy Hall a long line of carriages accompanied the hearse to the cemetery.

Friends volunteered as pall-bearers. Those who rendered the last task for A. A. Craig, grandfather of the little boy, were men who knew him well. They were Ben Matheson, Charles Thorwald, W. H. Harper and Arthur Downs.

The casket of Byron Craig was conducted to its final resting place by Homer Hauzey, Charles Morse, Clarence Green and Oliver Thornton.

From the C. A. Smith company there came great bouquets of flowers and from friends all over the country were responses.

Brooker is Found

Members of the Coroner's Jury this morning reported that Joe Brooker, the supposed eighth victim of the fire and the man long sought has been located at the Smith Powers logging camp at Wagner where he went to work this morning. Brooker will be brought before the jury when it reconvenes tomorrow, afternoon, as a witness.

Immediately after the fire Brooker is said to have completely dressed himself before leaving the building and soon after left for the woods. Appeals were sent to San Francisco and Seattle in efforts to locate the missing man.

AND WILL SURVIVE

GOLD BEACH, Or., Feb. 22.—Frank Jeffers, a rancher at Whales Head, 28 miles south of here, while rounding up a herd of goats, fell off the bluff to the beach. He dropped at least 80 feet, striking on the jagged rocks below, the tide being out. His son saw him fall and it took him thirty minutes to get down to the beach and aid the father, who had been partly revived by the surf. His body is a mass of cuts and bruises.

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