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AMERICAN SHIP IS TORPEDOED

Steamer Nebraskan Damaged Off Irish Coast But Still Able to Make for Port

CREW STILL ABOARD

May Have Struck Mine But British Admiralty Says Boat Was Torpedoed

NOW GOING TO LIVERPOOL

Hawaiian Steamship Company Owning the Vessel. Receive Word From Captain She Was Struck Either by Mine or Torpedo

CHARTERED BY BRITISH COMPANY

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The Nebraskan was chartered to the White Star Line, a British Company. Whether it was sunk by a mine or torpedo, a claim for damage might raise complicated questions, it was said. If the Nebraskan is in the service of a British concern, according to a previous decision in such cases, she would be a lawful prize, liable to seizure and condemnation.

COOS BAY MAN WAS ON BOAT

Reese Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal. Wright, went from San Francisco through the Panama Canal on the Nebraskan and made a trip with her from New York to England. He left her two months ago and is now on his way from England to Alexandria and Algiers on the Standard Oil Company's steamship, the Brindilla, as first assistant engineer.

CAPTAIN WIRES

LONDON, May 26.—According to the British Admiralty, the American steamer Nebraskan, Capt. Green, which sailed from Liverpool May 24 for Delaware Breakwater, was torpedoed yesterday by a submarine 40 miles west by southwest of Fastnet, off the south coast of Ireland. The crew took to the life boats, but soon ascertained the Nebraskan was not seriously damaged. She had been struck forward and her fore holds were full of water. The crew returned on board and got the vessel underway. No lives were lost.

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WAS IN BALLAST

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—The Nebraskan, it was said here, was bound for the Delaware Breakwater in ballast for orders.

REPORTED SAFE

LONDON, May 26.—The American steamer Nebraskan passed Queenstown this afternoon on her way to Liverpool. She was proceeding under her own steam at eight knots an hour.

RECALL GERMAN PROMISE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—The damage to the Nebraskan recalled in official quarters the German government's assurances presented by Ambassador Bernstorff to Secretary Bryan May 11, that submarine commanders had been specifically instructed not to harm neutral vessels not engaged in hostile acts and that Germany would pay for any damage to such ships in the war zone. Official and news dis-

OLLIE JAMES TALKS

OLLIE M. JAMES TALKS ABOUT NEBRASKAN AFFAIR

Says If She Was Torpedoed Intentionally Amounts to a Declaration of War.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—The members of the Congressional party who returned yesterday from a trip to Hawaii expressed indignation when they heard the British Admiralty claimed the Nebraskan was torpedoed. "If any foreign nation torpedoed an American vessel, knowing it to be such, it amounts to a declaration of war," Senator Ollie M. James stated. "However, in this case, we should withhold judgment until all the facts are known."

WILSON ENDORSED

NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION APPROVE PRESIDENT

Delegates Believe in Neutral Rights in Europe and Urge National Prohibition

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 26.—The Northern Baptist Convention, in closing its session today, adopted resolutions endorsing the President's stand for neutral rights in the European war and urging National prohibition.

REVENUES REDUCED

COURT OF APPEALS UPHOLDS FIVE PERCENT REBATE

Decision Regarding Duties on Cargoes Will Have a Far-Reaching Financial Effect

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—The clause of the Underwood-Simmons tariff act granting a rebate of five per cent in duties on goods imported into the United States in American bottoms was upheld today in the Court of Customs Appeals. The court held, however, that all merchandise imported in vessels of the nations with which the United States has "favored nation treaties, must receive a similar discount. As the United States has "favored nation" clauses with nearly all the important commercial powers, the effect of the decision will be to largely reduce the tariff revenues.

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HAPPENED LAST NIGHT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, May 26.—The explosion of the torpedo or mine against the Nebraskan apparently occurred before 9 o'clock last night. A message from Lloyd's says an armed trawler went to the vessel's assistance and stood by her all night.

WAS TO CARRY COAL

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—The Nebraskan was on her way to fulfill a contract of the owners with the United States Navy Department to carry coal from Newport News to San Francisco. The agents were to have the Nebraskan in Hampton Roads June 5. She was not under charter to the Navy but was to carry coal and freight.

PASSENGERS IN BOAT COLLISION

Dutch Liner Ryndam Runs Into Freight Steamer Joseph J. Cuneo Off Nantucket

BOTH ARE DAMAGED

Seventy - Seven Passengers and Crew Taken On Board Battleship South Carolina

OTHER NAVAL SHIPS HELP

In Crippled Condition Both of the Vessels Start Slowly for New York—Water Filled Holds of the Ryndam—Machinery Hurt

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, May 26.—The Dutch liner Ryndam, which sailed from New York yesterday for Rotterdam with 77 passengers and a million dollar cargo, was badly damaged in a collision 15 miles southwest of Nantucket Shoals light ship at 4 a. m. The liner collided with the tramp freighter Joseph J. Cuneo. Both vessels were seriously damaged.

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CREW LEAVES TODAY

CAPT. BENSON AND SAILORS OF CLAREMONT GO ON KILBURN

Vessel Going to Pieces and Nothing Can Be Saved From the Wreck

What is left of the steamer Claremont on the end of the jetty is going to pieces today. There is no hope of anything being saved and with a rough sea continuing there will be practically nothing left of the boat in a few days.

MUST REQUIRE BOND

School Districts Are Supported to Protect All Contracts

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SALEM, May 26.—School districts failing to comply with the law providing that persons entering into contract for public buildings shall execute a penal bond guaranteeing payment of claims, are liable for damages, according to a decision of the Supreme Court. The Northwest Steel Company sued School District No. 16, Umatilla County for the contractor's failure to pay for materials. The district had not exacted a bond from the contractor, but the Supreme Court held this mandatory and the district liable for damages.

MUST DIE IN JULY

DATE SET FOR EXECUTION OF CHARLES BECKER

Former Police Lieutenant Must Forfeit His Life During Week of July 12 Next

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ALBANY, Or., May 26.—The Court of Appeals today fixed the week beginning July 12 for the execution of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler.

WORK NEARLY DONE

FEDERAL INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION FINISHES

Will Meet at Chicago First of June to Prepare Their Report to Congress

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—The Federal Industrial Relations Commission, following the completion of its inquiry into the Colorado coal strike, today examined several witnesses regarding the labor conditions at Porto Rico. Today's investigation marks the Commission's final general hearings which have continued for more than a year. The Commission will prepare a report to Congress at a meeting in Chicago about June 1.

HOPE IS ABANDONED

NOT A CHANCE OF SALVING THE CLAREMONT IS VERDICT

Captain Curtis and Captain Benson Make Investigation of Conditions at Wreck

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) "Not a hope of salvaging the Claremont," said Captain Curtis, surveyor of the Board of Marine Underwriters of San Francisco, when he returned last evening from a visit to the beach. He went in company with Captain S. Benson, of the Claremont. Today Captain Curtis left on the Kilburn for the south, carrying with him the disheartening news that the steam schooner is a total loss.

CHANGES POSITION

The first officers of the F. A. Killburn arriving today stated that the hull of the Claremont had washed around to right angles of her former position and is now heading due north. The entire stern and after houses are washed away. He said only the waist and the forepeak of the vessel now remain and the machinery has dropped through the hull and cannot be seen. The mizzen mast is said to have washed in over the bar last night.

FROHMAN HONORED

FUNERAL OF THEATRICAL MANAGER HELD IN NEW YORK

Special Services in Memory of Him Are Held in Several Different Cities

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, May 26.—The funeral of Charles Frohman, theatrical manager and producer, one of the victims of the Lusitania disaster, was held here today. Services in memory of Frohman were also arranged by Billy Burke in Tacoma, Maude Adams in Los Angeles, John Drew in San Francisco and Julia Sanderson in Providence.

PROHIBIT SPIRITS

French Take Action Regarding the Use of Liquor

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) HAVRE, May 26.—A commission, consisting of officials, physicians, Mayor and County Councilors, representing all the departments of Normandy, including Havre and Rouen, has presented a report on the consumption of alcohol, recommending the total prohibition during the war of all alcoholic except light wines, beer and cider. The permanent abolition of the sale of all spirits made from potatoes, beets and similar food sources is urged.

LOSES FOUR FINGERS

S. Carlson, an employe of the C. A. Smith mill, met with a bad accident today. He caught his hand so that it was pinched between a slab and a timber and the four fingers of his right hand were cut off at the second joint.

NO WORD TODAY

Col. Grimes did not receive any additional news today concerning the condition of Dorsey Kreitzer and consequently feels that developments have been for the better. Thayer Grimes, who was in New York City, left there for Chicago yesterday. Thayer Grimes is to be married at New York soon after June first.

WHALING PROFITABLE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHRISTANIA, May 26.—The Norwegian whaling in the Antarctic has been more profitable this season than ever before, especially around South Georgia. The boats have brought home 52,000 barrels of whale oil valued at more than \$6,000,000.

GERMANS HOLD BACK ENEMIES

Night Attacks on New Position Recently Gained Easily Repulsed, It is Reported

RADYMO IS TAKEN

Captured From the Russians and Crossing Over the River San Also Seized

CLAIM OTHER SUCCESSES

Troops of the Teutons on the South Have Reached District East of Laszak and Many Prisoners are Taken

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, May 26.—An official statement today says: "In the western theatre of war a night advance by the enemy against our newly acquired position west of Belleward forest was easily repulsed. The number of machine guns now taken from the British was increased by ten. Near Givency the colored British troops captured the projecting part of our outermost trench. Farther South all French attacks were repulsed.

ATTACK A SUCCESS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, May 26.—Reports received indicate that the new attack of Von Mackenzen North of Przemysl is reported to be attended by a conspicuous success. In the west the British have been compelled to give ground in Belgium to the Germans, who once more are pressing forward strongly toward Ypres. Paris claims that the French offset this German victory, by an advance farther south in northern France near Aras, Berlin, however, denies that the French made any material progress.

ORDER FOR TEN MILES OF RAILS

FOR ALASKA GIVEN

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DISLOCATES ARM

Willard Rust, the young son of W. J. Rust of Millington, fell out of a tree yesterday and dislocated his arm. He was brought to town last evening by Mrs. Fieula Dindinger and Dr. Mings reduced the injury.

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AID THE ARMENIANS

RUSSIANS OCCUPY TOWN OF VAN IN ASIATIC TURKEY

Turks Were Rescuing the People But Retreated When the Soldiers Arrived

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) TIFLIS, Trans Caucasus, May 26.—A detachment of Russian soldiers has occupied the town of Van in Asiatic Turkey, thus bringing relief to the Armenians who have been besieged there by the Turks. Upon the advent of the Russians, the Turks retreated in the direction of Bitlis.

SOCIAL STAR DIES

MRS. STUYVESANT FISH OF NEW YORK, PASSES AWAY

Was at Her Summer Home at Garrison, New York, When the End Came

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) GARRISON, N. Y., May 26.—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, leader of New York's social set, died last night of cerebral hemorrhage at her summer home here, aged sixty years.

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PLAN FOR NEW CABINET IN ENGLAND IS COMPLETE

Arthur J. Balfour Will be First Lord of Admiralty, Succeeding Winston Churchill

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ITALY TAKING THE OFFENSIVE

Official Report States That Army is Pushing Ahead in the Interior of Austria

ENEMY IS RETIRING

Burning Bridges as They Retreat Before the Oncoming Forces of Italian Army

MAKE ARTILLERY ATTACK

Austrians Attempt a Bombardment of Italian Port at Misirina Bay but Without Any Result, According to Official Statement

KING OF GREECE CRITICALLY ILL

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, May 26.—The condition of King Constantine of Greece continues critical, according to a dispatch today from Athens.

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REPORTS FROM ROME

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, May 26.—Rome reports that the Italian invasion of Austria has been extended over almost the whole of the Austro-Italian frontier. It says that the Italians have seized a number of towns near the border and forced their way through the mountain defiles, occupying strategic positions. There apparently has been little heavy fighting thus far.

DECLARE BLOCKADE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, May 26.—The Italian government today declared a blockade of all ports on the Austro-Hungarian coast.

WOMEN WOULD FIGHT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) KIEV, May 26.—A deputation of women who wish to form a volunteer legion to serve as regular soldiers in the campaign on this front has arrived in this city from Gornel with a petition which they have presented to the head of the Kiev military district. These women state that they are ready to assume all military duties except actual engagement in battle, and are particularly desirous of being employed as patrol service. They have designed a uniform similar to that worn by the regular army, but distinguished from it by leather coats and tri-cornered hats. They hope to carry regular infantry arms.

GERMANS GOOD GUNNERS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, May 26.—"The Germans are wonderful gunners and to talk of our having their artillery in hand is sheer nonsense," is the opinion of Captain Bernard Sharp, of the Yorkshire territorial in a letter to his family at Hull. The British official eye witness stated only a few weeks before the battle of Ypres that the allies had established a superiority in this respect over the enemy. The situation, says Captain Sharp, demands more guns and unlimited shells.

FIGHT WITH KNIFE

It is said there was a fight at Beaver Hill yesterday in which a man named Lloyd was stabbed by William Bruner and barely escaped death, the knife being deflected from the heart by striking a rib. Lloyd came down on the noon train. No arrests have been made.

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