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A PAPER THAT BELIEVES IN THE BEST AND ALWAYS BOOSTS

SERIOUS CRISIS TO BE HANDLED

Germany Will Refuse to Admit Lusitania Sinking as Illegal Act.

RESULT UNCERTAIN

Proposed Note of Regret Said to Be Limit of Concessions to Be Made.

REGARDED AS SERIOUS

Reportedly That Germany Will Not Designate as Illegal Sinking of a Liner by Submarine—Instructions Sent.

Information indicating the Associated Press indicated that under no circumstances will Germany admit that the sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal act.

Instructions forwarded to Ambassador von Bernstorff, according to the information, contains simply one phrase of the new formulation of the proposed note of regret, suggested that the sentence which contains only eight words and does not contain the word "illegal," represents the limit of Germany's concessions in the Lusitania case.

Situation Serious It is viewed here as one of the most serious crises in the war that has arisen. It is impossible to foresee the outcome.

The result of the negotiations appears to hinge on the "illegal." The Associated Press is informed and authoritatively that Germany cannot and will not designate as illegal the sinking of a liner by any submarine.

Says There is Limit Dr. Alfred Zimmerman under Secretary of Foreign Affairs in an interview with the Associated Press hoped new formula would be possible as basis of settlement.

"The Government is willing to do everything in its power and has done everything in its power to meet the American wishes, but there are limits beyond which friendship snaps. I do not understand America's course and I believe the submarine issue of the Lusitania question on the way to an arrangement. We agreed to pay an indemnity and then there is suddenly a new demand which it is impossible to accept. You must not attempt to humiliate Germany."

CONFERENCE HELD

German Ambassador Takes Answer to Secretary Lansing

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Ambassador von Bernstorff received Germany's answer in the Lusitania negotiations. He took it to a conference with Secretary Lansing, before the conference the ambassador said he did not understand the instructions he had could be unsatisfactory to the United States.

LUMBER YARDS SOLD TO AN IDAHO FIRM

Deal is Reported From Ontario, Oregon, as Having Been Closed Recently

ONTARIO, Ore., Feb. 4.—The Empire Lumber Company's yards at Ontario, Ore., Nysa and Payette have been sold to the Boise-Payette Lumber Company, which now has 22 yards in Eastern Oregon and 22 yards in Idaho.

The sale includes the Adams Lumber Company at Parma, Idaho, the Flat-Binford Company at Wilder, Idaho, with the real estate as well as the stock at all six points. The consideration will be \$125,000. The transfer will be made next month.

No change will be made in the local management at any of these yards. The Empire Company succeeded three years here in 1896 and is still, with J. R. Blackaby and Robert Vang, a principal stockholder.

The yard at Yale was established before the railroad was built up the Haliburton Valley, lumber being hauled there from Ontario by wagon.

Dr. D. C. Vaughan, Dentist, Room 21, First National Bank Building

Dr. Leslie, Osteopath, Marshfield

BROTHER IS KILLED

K. V. KRUSE OF NORTH BEND RECEIVES SAD NEWS

Message States that Peter Kruse Met Death in Land Slide at Santa Cruz Island

K. V. Kruse, of the ship building firm of Kruse & Banks, of North Bend, has received word of the death of his brother, Peter Kruse at Santa Cruz Island off Santa Barbara, Cal. No particulars were given further than the statement that he was killed by a landslide. The news came in a telegram from a friend in San Pedro.

Was A Fisherman

The late Mr. Kruse was unmarried and resided in San Pedro. He was about 50 years of age. He was a fisherman and K. V. Kruse says that the fishermen often made their headquarters in cabins on Santa Cruz Island when they were on fishing expeditions. The cliffs are high and the beach narrow and it is supposed that the rains caused a landslide and the supposition is that Mr. Kruse was probably killed while asleep in the fishing cabin.

Burial at San Pedro

The message stated that the body will be taken to Santa Barbara where an inquest will be held. Mr. Kruse of North Bend sent word to have the body taken to San Pedro where friends of the deceased will look after the funeral arrangements and where the burial will take place. Mr. Kruse had lived at San Pedro for the past twenty-five years. Messages have been sent asking for further particulars.

ON STRIKE TODAY

TROUBLE WITH LONGSHOREMEN ABOUT UNLOADING NANN SMITH

Refuse to Work and Men Are Brought From the Smith Mill to Remove Freight

Members of the local Longshoremen's union today refused to have anything to do with the loading or unloading of the Nann Smith, according to Ed Lund, their business agent, until the demand that they be allowed to do all the loading of the Nann is complied with.

Previously the longshoremen put 12 men aboard the Nann to load her at the C. A. Smith mill, the loaders on the shore being employees of the lumber company. Men were brought from the mill to unload the Nann.

The demands of the longshoremen were refused for this trip and it is not known whether or not there will later be a compromise. One of the longshoremen said the same demand is also made in regard to the Adeline.

VILLA IS ENCLOSED BY CARRANZA FORCE

EL PASO, Feb. 4.—Villa is encircled by Carranza forces between Oco Calientes and Moctezuma, according to Guavira, the commandant at Juarez.

JANUARY CLOUDY

ONLY THREE CLEAR DAYS IN THE ENTIRE MONTH

Precipitation Was Over Fourteen Inches and Lowest Temperature 23 Above Zero

There were only 3 clear days in January and the rainfall was heavy, according to the monthly report of B. B. Ostlund, the local weather observer. There were 24 cloudy days and 4 partly cloudy days.

The total precipitation for the month was 14.98 inches. This included the snow reduced to water. The greatest precipitation was on the 23rd when the total was 2.18 inches for 24 hours.

FIVE DIE IN HOTEL

Eight Others Injured in Atlantic City Fire

ATLANTIC CITY, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Three women, and two men lost their lives and eight were injured in a fire which destroyed the Overbrook Hotel. One woman fainted on the sill of an upper window. The crowd helpless saw her burned to death. The dead include the parents of Richard Mott, the manager.

The temperature for the month was as follows: Mean Maximum 43.9 degrees Mean Minimum 33.3 degrees Average per month 35.6 degrees Highest 57 degrees on the 22nd. Lowest 23 degrees on the 19th. The greatest range of temperature for one day was 18 degrees.

SIXTEEN LIVES LOST IN FIRES

Five Persons Die When Ottawa Parliament Building Partially Destroyed.

SIX WOMEN PERISH

Entrapped in Brooklyn Residence of Mrs. Casimir Tag Which Is Burned.

HOTEL FIRE IS FATAL

Atlantic City House Catches Fire While Guests Are in the Place—Helpless Crowd Watches Flames Consume One of the Women

THE TOLL OF DEATH OF BIG FIRES TODAY

Two women and three men dead in Ottawa Parliament fire.

Six women dead in Brooklyn residence fire.

Three women and two men dead and eight hurt in Atlantic City hotel fire.

OTTAWA, Canada, Feb. 4.—Two women and three men are known to be dead, in a fire which swept the central portion of Canada's magnificent parliament building, destroyed the chamber of commons and the senate. Several are believed to be buried in the ruins.

All night firemen, police and soldiers fought to save the six million dollar structure. They saved the library and the east and west wings.

Will Investigate It is reported the fire was of incendiary origin. An investigation will be made.

Several are said to have heard an explosion. The police rejected the bomb theory. Mme. Bray, wife of H. A. Bray, of Quebec, Mme. Morin, wife of Louis Morin, of Beauc, a policeman and two employees were the victims. B. B. Law, a member of parliament, is missing.

The central part of the main building was destroyed. The front and end walls of the east and west ends of the building are little damaged. The towers are completely ruined.

Incendiarism is denied. The rapid spread of the flames is explained by the combustible nature of the tables, papers and woodwork in the reading room where the fire originated. Col. John Currie, who commanded a regiment of Canadians at the battle of St. Julien, Flanders, organized and led a fire brigade until the department arrived.

Building Notable One Many valuable sculptures, decorations and paintings were destroyed. The building covered four acres and was the most notable Gothic structure in America. The building was 470 feet long with a tower 220 feet high.

Officials Missing E. B. Law, a member for Yorkmouth, Nova Scotia, and J. P. Laplan, assistant clerk of the commons, are among the missing.

SIX WOMEN VICTIMS

Fire Destroys Home of Mrs. Casimir Tag in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Six women lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the home of Mrs. Casimir Tag, the widow of the president of the German savings bank. Mrs. Tag was saved, but her daughters Caroline and Helen perished. Hannah Snavley, a cousin, a nurse, and two servants suffocated. Caroline Tag saved her mother.

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END MURDER CASE

LAWYERS MAKE FINAL ARGUMENTS IN MOHR TRIAL

Make Claim that Prosecution Failed To Prove Motives Which Were Alleged

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 4.—Final arguments were made for Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, Cecil Brown and Henry Spellman, on trial for the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr. The case will probably go to the jury tomorrow.

Counsel Fitzgerald for Mrs. Mohr said the prosecution had not proved the motives of jealousy, revenge, the desire for money, and fear of divorce.

GOES OVER CLIFF BUT IS RESCUED

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 4.—Kenneth Lane who went over a cliff Tuesday while traveling on snowshoes, has been rescued. He is unconscious.

WILL SEND DELEGATES

Pope Will be Presented at the Peace Conference

ROME, Feb. 4.—Count Soderini, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, says the Pope is authorized to send delegates to the peace conference obviously not to raise the question of internationalization because that is sure to provoke conflict. The Pope seeks a solution in independent foreign intervention, and in the belief that the participation through delegates will exercise an immense moral influence.

BARN IS A WONDER

GUEST TELLS OF FARMERS' FROLIC NEAR RIVERTON

Bosses of George Laird's Dairy Ranch Have Latest Improved Lodgings—Full Blooded Cattle

Seventy-five farmers of the Coquille valley gathered yesterday at the Farmers' Frolic given by George P. Laird on his ranch near Riverton as the formal opening of his big dairy barn, one of the most modern equipped structures of its kind in southwest Oregon. The Coquille river was so high that most of the guests were taken from the river boats to the scene of the Frolic in skiffs.

Reorganization was made of the Lower Coquille and Bandon and also the Coquille Valley Cow Testing associations. Many new herds were signed up for the new year, according to E. P. Black, tester of the Coos Bay Association, who returned from there this morning.

Is Modern Barn The barn is a large one with concrete foundations and floor. The entire upper floor is given over to the storage of hay. The lower floor contains stalls for between 25 and 30 head of dairy cows. Five full blooded Holsteins were on exhibition in the barn yesterday.

Stalls for the cows parallel the walls on two sides of the barn. They face the sides, though there is a wide run-way between the walls and the stalls. This gives plenty of space for the handling of the carrier that runs on an overhead trolley and brings the hay to each cow.

Each Bossy has an individual drinking trough that is filled automatically. There is a litter carrier that works on a trolley.

Serve Country Dinner The barn has just been completed. A long table extended down one side of the structure and here at noon, after all sorts of athletic sports, was served a bounteous old fashioned farm dinner, profuse with chicken and all its trimmings.

In the afternoon the windows were darkened and W. E. Meyer, government cow testing expert, and Prof. Barr, of O. A. C., gave a slide lecture on cow testing and later showed the methods of stock judging.

H. J. KIMBALL and wife arrived home last evening from San Francisco, where they attended the marriage of their daughter, Miss Georgene, to Rex Webb. Mr. Kimball says that there is a big improvement in business around San Francisco Bay and the outlook could not be better.

SEA DISASTER IS TRAGIC ONE

Chicago Woman Gives Vivid Description of Sinking of the Brindisi.

SCENE IS APPALLING

Montenegrins Kill Each Other Rather Than Be Taken By an Enemy.

DECKS AWASH WITH BLOOD

Many Could Not Swim and Boats Could Not Be Lowered—Miss Lemmos, a Red Cross Nurse Stays in Water for Three Hours

ATHENS, (Via London) Feb. 4.—A vivid description of the sinking of the Italian ship Brindisi by a mine in the Adriatic is given by Mare Lemmos, of Iroving Park, Chicago, a Red Cross nurse survivor.

"We struck the mine at 9:30 a. m. and began sinking immediately. They were unable to lower boats because the vessel keeled over and the occupants of one boat were spilled into the water.

"Miss Hamople, my companion, unable to swim, never came up. I managed to scramble back aboard where there were two hundred Montenegrins unable to swim.

Kill Each Other "They said they would not die by the enemy's hands. The sang national anthems. Then one squaw shot the others and finally themselves. The deck was awash with blood. When we began to founder I sought a plank whereon were several men who dropped off one by one.

Three Hours in Water "I was three hours in the water. I was rescued and taken to San Giovanni, Medua, where 143 who were rescued lined up and sang the Montenegro national anthem.

Rescuers Are Killed "While the Montenegrins were singing an Austrian aeroplane bombarded, killing eighteen of those rescued. We walked to Scutari, and sought to join the Serbian staff at Plavica when it was evacuated. King Nicholas of Montenegro who is a kindly democratic old man fetched us to Scutari in his boat. We walked thence five days in the sleet and snow over disabled roads.

Die of Hunger Hunger weakened the Serbians and they died one after another. We reached Durazzo where an Austrian aeroplane bombarded, killing many. Thence to Avlona, Corfu and Athens.

JAP LINER SUNK AND 100 ARE LOST

SHANGHAI, Feb. 4.—The Japanese liner Daijin Maru was sunk Wednesday in a collision with the steamship Linan, of the China Navigation Company, and sixty were lost. Twelve were saved. The Linan, crippled, is returning to Hong Kong. The accident occurred eight miles from Swatow.

Gets Agency—George Goodrum and Will Goodrum arrived home last night from Portland where they attended the big auto show. Twenty-two different manufacturers had exhibits there, about ninety different models being shown. Mr. Goodrum says the weather was awful in Portland—so bad that one could scarcely get around. While there he arranged to take the Chevrolet agency for this territory. This firm has made a big hit, putting out a car that can be delivered in Marshfield for \$325 and which has electric lights and self starter. He expects to get a demonstration car on the next Kilburn. The name of the car is pronounced "Shev lo ray." Mr. Goodrum was nonplussed over being delayed a day at Florence because the auto drivers would not make the trip down the beach, thereby causing him to miss the big booster banquet.

Seeking Information.—Chief Carter has received a letter in which is asked the present whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds, who are said to have formerly lived in this locality. Mrs. Reynolds is said to own property south of Bandon.

ALL DEMAND JOBS

MEN FLOCK TO DETROIT FOR WORK WITH FORD

Five Dollar a Day Pay Draws Them From All Over Country—Mayor Besieged

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 3.—Men from all over the country appear at the mayor's office daily and make demands that they be given letters which will obtain positions at the Ford plant for them. As many as 25 of these applications have been handled by Lieut. Alvin Hicks in a day.

"They don't make remarks, they demand that we obtain places for them at the Ford plant," said Lieut. Hicks. "Three fellows came in here today and ordered me to have them put to work at the Ford plant. They seem to think that all they have to do is to come here, demand a letter and go out and go to work at \$5 a day. One of those who insisted on a job was a man just over from Canada."

"Give me a job at the Ford," is their cry. The Ford Co. has its own system of employment and will not deviate from that. Also, it is not a department of the city, although that doesn't make any difference to those who make demands. There are hundreds of these applications each week for places that are connected with the city in no way.

"Although I find thousands of jobs, they are only a drop in the bucket, and the disappointments would turn a heart of stone. One day, a man whom I couldn't place because he had no trade, came in with his wife. When I told her there was nothing doing, she grabbed her husband by the face and gave him such a yank she almost upset him. She was angry and grabbed the first thing handy.

"But the Ford plant is the magnet that draws men here from everywhere and when they reach Detroit, they come here and demand that the mayor put them to work for Mr. Ford. And I'm the one that handles these demands."

TO PLAY TONIGHT

MARSHFIELD BASKETBALL FIVE MEET MYRTLE POINT TEAM.

Locals Have Not Lost Game in the Series—This Month to See Most of Games Played.

Marshfield will seek to add another to its string of victories and climb another step toward the basketball championship of the county when the local High school quintet this evening clashes with the five from Myrtle Point.

Considerable interest is evidenced in the game. Out of three inter-high school games played so far this season, the Marshfield players have not been defeated.

The men have evidenced good team work, fast passing and, in streaks, exceptionally good basket shooting ability. In the last two weeks they have practiced consistently under the leadership of Coach Royal Niles.

Lineup Tonight. Tonight's lineup for the Marshfield team is as follows: Burrows and Watters, forwards; Seaman, center; McDonald and Chapman, guards.

Each of the five high school basketball teams of the county have eight games to play during the season, or two games with every other aggregation of the county. This month will see games at the end of each week and the final of the series will be held in March.

EUGENE BANKER HERE

Cashier Ray Goodrich Is Visiting On Coos Bay

Ray Goodrich, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Eugene, arrived here last night via the coast route. He came on business and planned to be here for the big booster banquet but was delayed at Florence with R. M. Jennings, George and Will Goodrum and many others. Mr. Goodrich's bank is one of the largest in the state outside of Portland.

Mr. Goodrich is pleased over the business outlook and thinks that the wave of prosperity which is now evident throughout many sections of the United States will soon strike Oregon.

This is his first visit to Coos Bay and today he is being shown around by Dorsey Kreitzer of the First National Bank of Marshfield.

NORTH BEND IS THE CHAMPION

Wins Over Myrtle Point In High School Debates Held Last Night.

THE TIE IS DECIDED

Will Enter for State Honors Against 8 Other Schools in Oregon.

EVENT IS CELEBRATED.

This is the Third Time in Five Years That the North Bend School Has Won the Championship of Coos County

North Bend won the debate championship for the Coos county district comprising Coos and Curry counties. There are eight districts in the state and the North Bend debaters will enter the contest for state honors.

This is the third time in five years that North Bend has won the county championship and in 1913 the school won the state championship with Miss Norma Case and Lyle Chapelle as the debaters.

The question was decided last night when North Bend met Myrtle Point and debated on the question: "Resolved that the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of military training and service."

This same question will be the one debated in the state contests.

Decides the Tie In the former debates both Myrtle Point and North Bend won both debates and it was necessary to decide the tie.

At North Bend the Myrtle Point team took the affirmative and was composed of Hazel Meal and Helen Whitaker. The North Bend team which was given the decision was composed of Randall Jones and Murlin Chappelle. The judges were I. N. Miller, Ben Fisher and J. C. Kendall of Marshfield.

At Myrtle Point At Myrtle Point the North Bend team took the affirmative and was composed of Alex Brandt and Horace Byler and won the decision. The Myrtle Point team was composed of Chester Adams and Kay Leep. The judges were Senator Chase, J. J. Stanley and R. J. Knowlton.

The state university will arrange the state contests. Four teams will be matched against four others. The four winning teams will then debate and it will be brought down until one team wins the championship for the state.

GIVE DEMONSTRATION

The high school students, numbering 90 and including both boys and girls together with the members of the high school faculty marched downtown this morning and made a demonstration when the winning team returned from Myrtle Point.

PORTLAND SUFFERS

Many Are Short of Both Fuel and Food

PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—A shortage of food and fuel has caused suffering in many families. Merchants are unable to deliver through snow three to four feet deep in the main streets. It has continued snowing. Fallen trees and telegraph poles blocked the streets in the residence districts.

Communication today remained demoralized although the city was isolated less completely than yesterday.

RAILROADS MAY BE OPEN TONIGHT

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 4.—The Northern Pacific announced that the track through the Cascades would be open tonight. The Great Northern is feeding seventy-five passengers here. The Northern Pacific is cleaning its tracks.

STILL REPORT MURDER

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Dispatches continue to report that Yusef Izzeddin, the Turkish heir apparent was murdered. He was detected by Ezer Pasha, minister of war because of his attitude toward the Germans. Enver let the wolf into the fold, it is said.