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U. S. BOAT HELD UP BY BRITISH

American Steamer China is Stopped on High Seas by an English Cruiser

GERMANS REMOVED

Thirty-Eight Are Taken Off By Warship, But Name is Not Given

ACTION NOT YET TAKEN

Very Likely United States Government will Enter a Protest Similar to the One Presented Recently to the Allies

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19.—The American steamer China, which left Shanghai yesterday for San Francisco, was held up on the high seas by a British auxiliary cruiser and 38 Germans were taken off.

It is thought the China may have been held up by the Laurentian, which recently stopped the Tenyo Maru on a voyage to Manila and removed nine Indians.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Likely That United States Will Enter a Protest

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Similar information regarding the removal of Germans from the China was received by the State Department. No action has yet been taken by the United States, but it is probable a protest will be made similar to that made to England and France when the cruiser Decartes recently removed Germans from the American ships in the Caribbean Sea.

WILL INVESTIGATE

DEPARTMENT TO LOOK INTO ARMY AVIATION CORPUS

Charge Made That Work Has Been Conducted in an Inefficient Manner

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—An army investigation of Senator Robinson's charges that Lieutenant Colonel Reber, head of the aviation service, has been conducting the aero corps in an inefficient manner has been ordered by the war department. The board which includes the inspector general of the army and head of war college will conduct the inquiry.

TRESTLE FINISHED

CROSSING OVER TEN MILE LAKE HAS BEEN COMPLETED

In Last Link Between Coos Bay and Umpqua River of Permanent Work

The trestle over the Tenmile lake has been completed and now the track lying can be finished and the road put in permanent operation between this point and Umpqua river. This trestle was the last link between the two points.

Trains have been running to Umpqua river but they have been going over a temporary trestle. The permanent trestle is now finished.

BRADLEY COMPANY RAISES THE WAGES

The Bradley Candy Company announced today that the wages of all the employees of the concern would be raised on March 1. The raise will amount to about eleven per cent over the present wage. The increase is made because the firm has faith in the immediate improvement of business conditions.

WANTED—Second hand incubator. Address Harry Hinman, 362 So. Fourth.

Spring Is Here



THE SEASON of green, growing things, house cleaning and fishing has arrived. It is evident in the velvet touch of the gentle zephyrs, the seed signs in the grocers' windows, and the epidemic of spring fever which has happily superseded the grip. The illustration is the conception of The Times' cartoonist, Mr. Roy Lawrence, of what it means on Coos Bay when George Goodrum hurries home from his garage to make garden and Dave Stafford hies him to the nooks and crooks of Coos River to lure the finny tribe from dripping depths of that beautiful stream.

DANIELS ASKS FOR BIG SUM

Secretary of Navy Wants Warships Immediately Put in Good Repair

APPEAL MADE TODAY

Congress Requested to appropriate Over Two Million Dollars for the Purpose

MORE MINES ARE WANTED

Also Would Have All Battleships Equipped With Anti-Aircraft Guns for the First Time in This Country

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—An emergency appropriation of \$2,757,000 for immediately necessary repairs to machinery in battleships, torpedo boat destroyers and submarines, to increase the supply of mines and for the first time to equip battleships with anti-aircraft guns, was asked of Congress today by Secretary Daniels.

EXTENDING FIELD

NEWSPAPERS TO HAVE BRANCH IN BUENOS AYRES

Will Endeavor to Bring Together Business Men of North and South America

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—A group of American newspaper men, it was announced today, have opened representative offices in Buenos Ayres as the first move in line with the suggestions unanimously approved at the recent Pan-American Scientific Congress for drawing business men of North and South America together by the exchange of news.

The announcement states that similar representative offices will be opened in other South and Central American cities in the near future.

BRITISH STEAMER HAS GONE ASHORE

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The British steamer Comrie Castle 5173 tons, is ashore off Mozambique, British East Africa. The passengers were landed.

For good service, see Jay Doyle, Tailoring and Cleaning, Phone 250.

IS TAKEN TO JAIL

HOUSER LEAVES TO SERVE 30 DAYS FOR BOOTLEGGING

Sudden Turn in Case Came as Surprise to Officers—Liquor Is Left in Charge of Judge

Accompanied by Constable Cox, Joseph Houser left this morning for Coquille where he will spend the next 30 days in the county jail. As announced in The Times of last evening Houser late yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of bootlegging.

TOOK SUDDEN TURN

The sudden turn in the case came as a surprise to the officers. Houser had previously pleaded not guilty and declared the case would be fought. However, the prosecuting witnesses had made their affidavits before District Attorney Liljeqvist.

A recommendation of 30 days in jail was made by the district attorney after a conference with C. I. Reardon, attorney for the defendant, who declared his client was without money to pay the \$250 fine as first suggested.

WINE IS CLAIMED

This afternoon Mrs. Houser appeared before Judge Pennock and swore that the 19 bottles of wine taken were her personal property. She said she uses neither coffee nor tea, but takes wine with her meals. These 19 bottles were turned over to her. There is still some beer and whiskey left.

BIG DRAFT BOGUS

I. ROSENBERG SWINDLES BANK OF BANDON OUT OF \$450

I. Rosenberg, Coquille tailor, is sought by the officers for cashing a fake draft for \$450 on the Bank of Bandon. The whereabouts of Rosenberg are unknown and the belief is that he has made his escape.

According to District Attorney Liljeqvist the tailor has lived in Coquille for about three years. He had sold clothes at the various camps up and down the river and several times had been told to keep away from Powers where peddlers are not at all welcome.

It is said he went to the Bank of Bandon and showed to its officers a supposed book of deposit on the Bank of Cincinnati. It looked as though he had enough funds in the bank to cover the amount of the draft and the money was forthcoming. Now it has just returned from Cincinnati marked "no funds." The warrant was immediately sworn out.

FLOOD VICTIMS ARE IN DANGER

Apprehension Felt for Safety of Two Thousand Persons Who Are Marooned

ARE WITHOUT FOOD

Have Scant Shelter and Will Probably Undergo Great Suffering Until Rescued

ARE MOSTLY NEGROES

The Country Within Radius of Twenty-Five Miles Around Newellton Is Covered With Six to Fifteen Feet of Water

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 19.—Increased apprehension is felt today for the two thousand or more persons marooned around Newellton without food and with scant shelter. They are mostly negroes. The country within a radius of 25 miles is flooded from six to fifteen feet deep.

KILLS DAUGHTERS

ILLINOIS WOMAN COMMITS AN AWFUL CRIME

Crazed by Domestic Trouble She Burns Little Girls and Herself to Death

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ROCK ISLAND, Feb. 19.—Crazed by domestic troubles, it is said, Mrs. Veronica Polski at Kewanee last night, during the absence of her husband and three sons, locked two small daughters in a room, set fire to their clothing and then touched a match to her own garments. All were burned to death.

CRIME AWFUL ONE

MEN PREPARE GRAVE AND THEN MURDER VICTIM

Two Men Confess to Chicago Police of Killing Man and Robbing Dead Body

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Teofil Zdzrowski and Alex Motelski confessed today, according to the police, that they prepared a grave and then murdered Tony Sandrovich with an axe and robbed the body of \$55. The men were arrested here on their arrival from Benton Harbor, Mich.

Attend the opening of Sarter's Dew Drop Inn tonight.

Public rest room and writing desk at Sarter's Dew Drop Inn.

GERMANS PLAN BIG MOVEMENT

For Past Six Days Great Action on Part of the Army Has Been Noticed

CENTER IN BELGIUM

Long Trains are Carrying Troops Going Toward the South and the West

REPORT FROM AMSTERDAM

Newspaper There States That Both Artillery and Infantry Are Being Moved in Large Numbers Along the Railroad

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 19.—During the last six days great German troop movements have occurred in Southern and Central Belgium, says a dispatch from the frontier to The Telegram. Long trains with artillery and infantry are running along the railroads to the west and south, and some small detachments are transported by way of Louvain to the Southeast.

ASTORIA IS FAVORED

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION TAKES ACTION

City Is to Be Placed on Same Basis of Rates as the Puget Sound Cities

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The interstate commerce commission today decided to present the rate adjustment of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle and other railroads in reaching Seattle, Tacoma and Astoria as unduly discriminated against Astoria in favor of the Puget Sound cities. The commission also required that carriers put Astoria on an equal basis as to rates to Spokane and other points between the Cascades and Rocky mountains, as are Seattle, Tacoma and Portland.

BANK IS CALLED IN

ASKED TO SHOW DEPOSITS OF HARVESTER COMPANY

Senate Committee Wants to Investigate Charges Made About the Yucatan Silos Growers

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The senate agricultural committee today decided to call upon the continental and Commercial bank of Chicago to submit a statement showing the deposits of the International Harvester Company for the last three years in order to determine the truth of the charges that the harvester company had disciplined the bank for extending financial aid to the silo growers of Yucatan.

ANOTHER CHARGE MADE

S. J. Wexler, New York banker, charged today that the Harvester company had disciplined the bank to prevent the National City Bank of New York, as well as the Continental, from loaning money to aid silo growers.

COUNTERCHARGE MADE

The committee is investigating the charges that the Harvester Company and Plymouth Cordage Company combined to monopolize the silo output. It is countercharged that a Pan-American corporation, of which Wexler was the head, also attempted a monopoly.

WILL REFUSE REQUEST

Chicago Banker Talks About the Senate Action

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Vice President Reynolds, of the Continental and Commercial National Bank when informed of the decision of the Senate committee to ask for a statement from his bank showing the harvester company's deposits, said the request would be refused. He said he did not consider the bank had been disciplined by the harvester company.

OTHER TREATIES UP

SENATE TO TAKE UP HAITI AND COLUMBIA MATTERS

Nicaraguan Agreement is Now Out of the Way Having Been Ratified Yesterday

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—With the Nicaraguan treaty out of the way, administration senators were ready today to call up for ratification the Haitian treaty and the Columbian treaty. The Nicaraguan treaty under which the United States would acquire the Nicaraguan canal route and naval base in Fonseca Bay for \$3,000,000 was ratified by a vote of 55 to 18 by the senate yesterday.

WITHDRAW FORCES

TURKS GOT AWAY FROM ERZERUM BEFORE FALL

Belief Is They Will Take Up a Position Eleven Miles From the City

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19.—The first story in detail of the capture of Erzerum by the Russians reached Petrograd semi-officially today. Apparently the Turks withdrew most of their forces before the final onslaught. It is thought the Turks will attempt to make a stand in the hills on the western edge of the Erzerum valley, 11 miles distant.

COMPLIMENT KING

CONSTANTINE OF GREECE IS PRAISED BY DEPUTIES

Efforts to Keep Country Out of the General War Are Greatly Appreciated

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ATHENS, Feb. 19.—Officials of the Chamber of Deputies, during an audience with King Constantine, complimented the king on the fact that, acting under the powers conferred on him by the constitution, he had saved the country at a most critical juncture from the horrors of war which had overtaken other small states.

ATTACK FRUITLESS

BRITISH FAIL IN FIGHT NEAR YPRES, BELGIUM

German War Office Announces That They Were Driven Back When Attempt Is Made

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Another fruitless attack by the British southeast of Ypres, where the Germans recently captured several hundred yards of trenches, was announced today by the war office.

FACTORIES ON FIRE

TENNESSEE CHEMICAL PLANT IS DAMAGED

Concern Supposed to Be German Owned Destroyed by Fire in New Jersey

GERMAN OWNED CONCERN DESTROYED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Feb. 19.—The plant of the Middlesex Aniline Chemical Co., said to be a German owned concern, was destroyed by a fire and explosion today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BRISTOL, Tenn., Feb. 19.—The explosion of a lantern this morning at the plant of the Federal Dye King and Chemical Company near Kingsport set fire to the chemical tank. The fire was stopped and only one building was damaged.

GERMAN COLONY IN AFRICA CAPTURED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The complete conquest of Kamerun, a German colony in Equatorial Africa, was officially announced this afternoon.

IMPATIENT AT BRITISH DELAY

No Answer Concerning Trading With Enemy Act and Stopping of the Mails

PROMISED A REPLY

But So Far Nothing Has Been Received by the State Department

MADE SOME TIME AGO

United States Protested Against the Enforcement of the Act Against American Firms and Expected Explanation Before This

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The State Department officials are impatient at Great Britain's delay in replying to the recent American notes concerning the trading with the enemy act, and interference with the mails.

The London Foreign Office some time ago promised a reply, but so far nothing has been heard of the protest against the enforcement of the trading with the enemy act against American firms.

TRY TO GET VESSEL

BRITISH ATTORNEYS SEEK TO RECOVER THE APPAM

United States Holds That Liner Belongs to Germans Under the Prussian-American Treaty

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Attorneys for the British owners of liner Appam, in Hampton Roads, as a prize of a German crew, have brought admiralty proceedings under the prize laws to regain possession of the ship. The state department holds that under the Prussian treaty the liner belongs to the Germans.

APPOINTS FRANCIS

ST. LOUIS MAN NAMED AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA

President Wilson Urges That He Accept and Is Awaiting His Answer

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Response from David R. Francis of St. Louis as to whether he would accept the ambassadorship to Russia was awaited by President Wilson today. In offering the post, the president urged him to accept. Francis was secretary of interior in the Cleveland administration.

PRINCE WOUNDED

FIFTH SON OF THE KAISER MEETS WITH INJURY

So Infuriated That He Orders Bombardment of Russian Positions Lasting Two Hours

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19.—Prince Oscar, the fifth son of Emperor William was wounded a few days ago while making an inspection in front of the Russian position at Smorgon. The prince, infuriated, ordered a bombardment of the Russian positions, which lasted two hours.

An Amsterdam dispatch dated Feb. 7 said the prince was slightly wounded.

MAY START NEW MILL

There is some talk of local parties organizing for the purpose of starting a new lumber mill on Coos Bay. It is said the time is now opportune for a plant which can cut 150,000 feet a day as it is possible to secure logs and there is a good market for the lumber.

Launch Cadillac leaves for Allegany Sunday morning at 7 o'clock for the convenience of the fishermen.