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U.S. WAR CLOUD HOVERS TODAY

First Attempt to Prevent Americans From Traveling on Ships of Belligerents

Block Gore's Bill Congress Would Prohibit U. S. Citizens From Boarding Vessels of Belligerents

REPUBLICAN STOPS ACTION Senator Gore Says He Fears the Ship of State of America Is Drifting Perilously Near Breakers—Text of Measure

GERMAN WAR CLOUD FORCES WHEAT DOWN Disturbing rumors that drastic consequences would result from the tension between Washington and Berlin regarding Germany's submarine policy, caused a break of more than seven cents a bushel today in the price of wheat.

The gist of the rumors was that the handing of passports to the German Ambassador was imminent.

MOOSE NOTICE The Marshfield lodge L. O. O. M. will give a social and entertainment at their new hall tomorrow evening to which all members and visiting members and their mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts are cordially invited.

ASK BIG DAMAGES MORE VESSELS FOR PACIFIC

CITY OF MARSHFIELD AND PORT OF COOS BAY DEFENDANTS West Marshfield Property Owners Allege Mill Slough Dredge Fill Flooded Their Lands (Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Feb. 24.—A \$26,000 damage suit against the City of Marshfield and the Port of Coos Bay was filed here today by Attorneys Stoll & Hodge, on behalf of Charles A. Johnson, of West Marshfield.

The suit is in connection with the drainage question on the south arm of Mill Slough, west of Tenth street. It is understood that eight other property owners in that vicinity have assigned their claims for damages to Mr. Johnson, the plaintiff.

Says Lands are Confiscated The complaint alleges that the constitution of the state and nation provides that no man's property shall be taken from him for public use without due compensation first being made.

It further sets up that despite the decree of Judge John S. Coke last year that the drainage box of the south arm should be cleaned out and repaired that the people might be given as good drainage as they had before the fill was made. This has been done they allege.

In this connection the complaint states that "the drain box was constructed in a negligent manner and wholly insufficient in size, strength and capacity and failed and will fail to give said lands adequate drainage."

The defendant pretended to repair and clean out and improve said drain box, but there has been no drainage since March, 1915, and the lands have been filled over with water from a depth of a few inches up to five feet and vegetation and crops on said lands have been destroyed.

AMERICAN SHIPPING FIRM WILL SOON HAVE TWENTY-ONE BIG SHIPS IN ACTIVE SERVICE

SAIL FROM 'FRISCO W. R. Grace & Company Purchase Three Large Liners of trans-Pacific Line

18 FOR THE ORIENT TRADE Gaston, Williams & Wigmore Steamship Corporation Will Restore U. S. Flag to Atlantic and Pacific By Big Deal

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—The purchase from the Royal Dutch West India Mail of three large passenger and freight steamers by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, under the joint control of the American International Corporation of New York, and W. R. Grace & Company, of San Francisco, was announced here today.

The deal, it was reported, involving the expenditure of \$4,000,000, was consummated in New York yesterday. The vessels will be placed in service between San Francisco and Latin-American countries.

EIGHTEEN MORE SHIPS New York Firm Will Restore U. S. Flag on Both Oceans

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Eighteen steamers compose the fleet of the new Gaston, Williams & Wigmore Steamship Corporation, organized to operate lines across both the Atlantic and Pacific.

A member of the firm said the company plans to restore the American flag to trans-Pacific service and develop the trade to the fullest possible extent.

The Pacific route will be from San Francisco to China, Japan and Vladivostok.

WILL PLAY PULLMAN Washington Wants Thanksgiving Game in Seattle

DENY REVOLT BY CONGRESS ON WILSON

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Word went to the capitol again today that President Wilson's opposition to any action by Congress was unshaken. Republicans for the most part were opposed to action by Congress and aside from a score of Democrats who yesterday showed signs of breaking over the administration restraint, the majority forces apparently were being held by the appeal "Stand by the President."

WILSON IS ANXIOUS WANTS TO CHECK WAR DISCUSSION PENDING NEGOTIATIONS

President Feels Congressional Action Might Embarrass United States With Germany

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Congress assembled today with the agitation for action warning Americans off belligerent ships overshadowing all other questions.

President Wilson's supporters, apprehensive that the smoldering sentiment might suddenly blaze up to embarrass the diplomatic negotiations with Germany, were working to hold the administration forces in line and keep the question from the floor of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Another Gore Resolution Senator Gore sought to introduce a concurrent resolution by unanimous consent expressing the sense of Congress that Americans should keep off armed belligerent ships.

Such a resolution would not require the President's approval. Brandegee objected and shut the proposal out. Gore will try again tomorrow.

PROBE OF BRANDEIS WAS ATTORNEY FOR PARTIES ATTACKING SEC. BALLINGER

Mark Sullivan Says Colliers Weekly Engaged Him as Counsel Instead of Louis Glavis

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—Mark Sullivan, editor of Colliers Weekly, testified before the Senate Committee investigating the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court, that Brandeis was employed by Colliers as attorney in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation.

KAISER HEADS DRIVE AGAIN

Emperor Establishes Headquarters Facing Verdun and Makes Important Gains

AFFECT LARGE AREA French Claim Lines Have Not Been Broken But Admit Gains by Germans

SEVERAL VILLAGES TAKEN French Aeroplanes Set Fire to Metz—Austria Claims Russian Advance Repulsed in Galicia—Italy on the Offensive

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 24.—Further German gains in the region north of the French fortress of Verdun were reported today.

Berlin announced that the entire wooded district northwest and northeast of Beaumont and the Horbe forest are in possession of the Germans.

The villages of Brabant, Maumont and Samogneux were also captured. Samogneux is about a mile south of Haumont, the loss of which was admitted yesterday by Paris.

It is about six miles north of Verdun. London reports say Emperor William has established headquarters at the German positions facing Verdun.

Report From Paris Paris says the fighting is continuing with undiminished intensity, but claims the French line has not been broken at any point.

It admits the loss of Brabant. French aeroplanes yesterday bombarded Metz. A great fire was observed.

Report by Austria In the East, Vienna reports the repulse of Russian attacks on the Austrian advanced positions northwest of Tarnopol, Galicia.

ZEPPELIN IS LOST

NOTE IN BOTTLE TELLS OF FATE OF AIR CRUISER Four Different Notes Tell of Accident and Approaching Death of Members of the Crew

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) COPENHAGEN, Feb. 24.—A bottle has been picked up from the sea containing the last messages from the commander of the Zeppelin L-19 which was wrecked in the North Sea off the coast of Holland, and addressed to the commander's parents, wife and little son.

The last of the messages stated the airship had dropped and the crew was drowning. Four letters were written at successive periods.

The third stated the airship was then 100 meters from the water, that the motors had failed and all were expecting at any moment to drop. The fourth states the airship had dropped and the crew was drowning.

ENGLISH TOOK MAIL

BRITISH AUTHORITIES REMOVE IT FROM HOLLAND-AMERICAN Vessel From Rotterdam Stopped and Stuff Taken off at Falmouth—Ford Party Aboard

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam arrived today from Rotterdam and reported that all mail, except that addressed to Canada and Japan, had been removed by the British authorities at Falmouth.

Several members of the Ford peace expedition including Governor Jannan of North Dakota and Judge Lindsey of Denver were on board. Francisco De La Barra, former provincial president of Mexico was a passenger.

TO BUY HOLDINGS PHILIP BEUHNER AND SON ARRIVE FROM PORTLAND Still Conferring Regarding Buying Interests of Simpson Lumber Company—Are Reticent

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) TACOMA, Feb. 24.—Attacking a Great Northern freight train, loaded with war supplies for shipment to Russia, in the Northern Pacific freight yards here, six tramps severed the air hose and cut the train in four sections.

The train crew fought them off and captured two who gave their names as Sam Rusky and John Ross.

GERMAN RAIDER SINKS VESSELS

Kaiser's Prize Crew Puts in at Canary Islands With English Ship and 206

LATER SANK PRIZE Survivors of Many English Vessels Sent to Bottom by Moewe Safely Landed

FEW PARTICULARS GIVEN Accomplishment Similar to That of Steamer Appam, But no Attempt Is Made to Save Westburn—Liverpool to Buenos Ayres

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 24.—The British steamer Westburn, which reports received last night from Santa Cruz, Tenerife, (Canary Islands), said had reached that port in charge of a German prize crew and carrying 206 prisoners taken from various vessels captured by a German sea raider, believed to be the Moewe, has been sunk outside Santa Cruz harbor by her captors.

After landing the prisoners in Santa Cruz, the German crew put to sea again in the Westburn and sank their prize.

Only Eight Germans The advices last night stated that the Westburn, Liverpool for Buenos Ayres, had put in there flying the German flag, with a prize crew of one officer and seven men.

ATTACK WAR TRAIN

GREAT NORTHERN LADEN WITH WAR SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIA Six Tramps Cause Trouble in Tacoma and Seattle With Train Crew—Damage Is Slight

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UNCLE SAM WILL HAVE BIGGEST GUN MIDLAND, Pa., Feb. 24.—The United States government is having the biggest gun in the world made at the Crucible Steel works here.

L. W. PLANZ, Secretary.

Libby Coal, \$5.00 ton. Phone 72.

JOHN S. SHIELDS, Candidate for Sheriff.

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