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GERMANY GOOD IF ENGLAND IS

Announces It Will Respect International Law If Allies Do Likewise.

NOTE TO THE U. S.

Says Great Britain Has Taken Advantage of America's Stand For Safety.

NO PROVISION FOR U-BOATS

Ambassador von Bernstorff says Old Code of Nations Made no Provision for New Engine of Warfare—Delivers Berlin Message

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—The German Ambassador Count von Bernstorff today, at the instructions of his government, handed to Secretary Lansing a memorandum explaining in detail Germany's position in regard to armed merchant ships and the causes leading up to the decision of the Central European powers to torpedo without warning, all armed merchantmen of the enemy.

Good If England Is

The German government understood to express a willingness to operate submarines in accordance with the international law prevailing prior to the war provided Great Britain does not violate the same law.

The German government, it is understood, concedes that as submarines are a new engine of warfare, the international law, as at present constituted, makes no provision for their use.

The memorandum contends that the evidence appended to the late German announcement proves that British ships, armed ostensibly for defense, have been instructed to act and have acted offensively. It reiterates the declaration that submarine warfare was begun by Germany in reprisal.

It refers to the long standing friendship between the United States and Germany and expresses the hope that the American people will, when familiar with the explanations offered, fully appreciate the position in which Germany finds herself as a result of the blockade.

The text of the memorandum was later made public and the contents were found to agree with the unofficial reports.

BLOW UP FACTORY

MENTION PLANT AT NIAGARA FALLS PRACTICALLY DESTROYED

Electro-Chemical Company Sustains \$150,000 Loss by Conflagration—Early Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 8.—Fire, following an explosion in the Chlorate department of the Niagara Electro-Chemical company here, today threatened the complete destruction of the plant. The fire started last night when several explosions and resultant fires inflicted damages estimated at \$150,000. The manager of the company issued a formal statement saying the plant had been "blowed."

SEC. OF WAR, BAKER, TAKES OFFICE SOON

Senate Confirms President Wilson's Appointment of Former Mayor of Cleveland

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 8.—Newton D. Baker, whose nomination as Secretary of War was confirmed by the Senate last night, left today for Washington where he will take the oath of office tomorrow.

Times Want ads bring results.

MARKET STRONGER

ARNO MERECEN SAYS LUMBER IS PICKING UP ON COAST

C. A. Smith Company to Put Boat on Run While Naan is Gone—No Logs—Mill Closes Today

There is little new in the lumber situation, according to Arno Meroen, superintendent of the C. A. Smith mill, who returned this morning on the Adeline from San Francisco. He expects to be here for the remainder of the month.

Freight rates have gone up between \$2 and \$3 a thousand, he said, a fact that has drawn lumber up in somewhat corresponding amounts, with the margin of profits going to the owners of vessels.

Season to be Stronger

But in spite of this the business is good, reports Mr. Meroen, and he expects this season to be considerably stronger than the last one. Everywhere there seems to be an air of uncertainty. Capitalists have ready money, but are shy in making investments, because of the general uncertainty of affairs.

Much seems to hinge on the easing of war in Europe. The end of the slaughter is expected to cause an enormous demand for lumber to be used in rebuilding.

Naan is Chartered

Mr. Meroen said that it is a certainty that the Naan Smith is chartered for a 90-day period at a high rate for China and Japan. He said that another vessel will take her place here on a regular run during the absence.

Need More Logs

The six-day schedule of operations at the mill is hindered because sufficient logs are not available, owing to bad weather and freshets. It was this fact that closed the main mill of the C. A. Smith plant at noon today. The Eastside mill was closed down on Monday noon. Three trains of logs, with a total of some 600,000 are expected in late today and the main mill at least will open again tomorrow. Because of disrupted train service this week, caused by the high water, there have been no logs down from Powers for two or three days.

Affairs in San Francisco are going very well, with B. R. Johnson at the head of the company. He has just recently taken the place of Mr. Bloss, of the creditors committee.

C. A. Smith is very busy in San Francisco, and will very shortly be called East, so that his intended trip to Coos Bay is indefinitely postponed.

Adeline's Fast Trip.

The Adeline Smith arrived in early this morning, after making a quick round trip from here to Oakland. It was just eighty-two hours or fourteen hours less than four days, from the time she left the mill dock until she was back loading again.

On this trip she carried 1,748,000 feet of lumber.

Capt. Olson reported that it was little choppy but not bad at sea.

The Adeline will sail again for the south about midnight tonight.

TIMBER MAN HERE

REPRESENTATIVE OF EASTERN SYNDICATE ON BAY AGAIN

O. J. Gray Looking After Coos River Tracts—Says Nothing Definite So Far

O. J. Gray, of St. Paul, representative of several capitalists now interested, is here making further negotiations with the owners of timber tracts on Coos river.

Mr. Gray had little to say in the matter. He stated that at the present time every effort is being made to secure options on the lands, many of which are held in small private tracts. If proper prices can be secured, he said, the deal will go through, otherwise, he felt there would be nothing to it.

Are Separate Concerns.

Mr. Gray reiterated the point that the men he represents have no connection with the Buehner interests. He expects to be here three or four days.

He said today that the concern has no aim in taking over any holdings unless it can get a large tract.

Times Want Ads Get Results.

TO MAKE THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

ONE FIRST MUST MAKE THE CITIZEN DUTIFUL.

ASK ANYONE his ideas on the subject and quite likely he will tell what should be done—rake up the yards, clean the alleys, plant flowers, paint fences, and a dozen more instructions according to popular formula.

The Times has been running a series of City Beautiful stories. They are arousing interest. If you would have further inspiration take a walk past one of these places described and see how other people go about the improvement of their yards.

Then go home, shed your coat and go to work.

General ideas serve their purposes in getting the general public interested; concrete ideas, worked out, make the well-kept yard. Many of such yards, taken in a group, accomplish the City Beautiful.

Here follow a few concrete ideas: Small and attractive flower beds may be dug up close to the house and paralleling the sides or the front. Make them 12 to 18 inches wide. Spade the soil well. Half a dozen flowers may be grown.

Nasturtiums, sown in rows in April, should be thinned two-thirds of an inch apart. There

are more than fifteen varieties. Put up sticks to trail them over.

Pansies may be sown in April. Sweet Peas are beautiful. Sow them immediately, in trenches. The Spencer type is by far the best, being large, free-blooming and more artistic.

Trim your rose bushes. Make them produce flowers instead of wood.

Trim all the bushes in your yard. Dahlias make beautiful garden additions. The bulbs of these are planted later, between April 20 and May 20. There are dozens of varieties.

Porch and window boxes, painted, add greatly to the attractiveness of otherwise very common looking homes.

Clear the litter from the back yard.

Paint the woodshed and the back fence.

Pay as much attention to the parking in front of your home as you do to the main yard.

These are merely a few outlined ideas of hundreds that may be thought of. The faithful working out of three or four will make your home a more cheerful place and add wonderfully toward making Marshfield a City Beautiful.

—A STUBBORN CINDERELLA.

S. P. OFFER TO GIVE UP GRANT

Would Take \$10,000,000 in Cash and \$30,000,000 of Timber for Grant

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PROPOSAL TO HOUSE

Says Proposal is to Avoid Future Litigation Over Immense Donation

NO ACTION IS TAKEN

Wants Also to be Relieved of Five Trains of Property—Claims Timber on Grant

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CONTRACT SIGNED

SALE OF COQUILLE VALLEY FARMER'S TELEPHONE CO. MADE

Taken Over definitely by Coos and Curry Telephone Company—Price to Pay is \$19,000

A contract for the purchase of the Coquille Valley Farmers' Telephone Company by the Coos and Curry Telephone company was definitely signed yesterday in Coquille. The price made public is \$19,000 and the local company is to take charge April 1.

For several months the project has been under way with the understanding that as soon as certain matters were straightened up that the sale would be put through.

Charles Hall, president of the Coos and Curry Company, completed the deal yesterday afternoon. This new arrangement will mean one instead of two telephone companies in Coquille and surrounding country and will greatly improve the service.

TO SPEAK HERE

Deputy State Highway Engineer Cantine will address a meeting Thursday night at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce.

Was Poisoned.—Ed Guinan of Curry's barber shop is confined to his home by a severe attack of Pto-maline poisoning suffered Sunday. He was considerably better today.

MANY IN CONTEST

THE TIMES CAMPAIGN FOR CITY BEAUTIFUL PROGRESSES

March 15 Last Date for Contributions—School Children in Special Class—Many Contribute

March 15 marks the closing of The Times campaign for City Beautiful suggestions for which prizes are being offered; it does not, however, mark the close of The Times crusade toward making Marshfield a City Beautiful.

Every day brings many suggestions to the office, written by people who are taking a keen interest toward doing something that will actually relieve the present unkept situation.

The suggestion campaign is divided into two classes, the one for the adults and the other for the school children of the city, many of whom are submitting contributions.

In the first class for the "grown ups" a silver medal, suitably inscribed is offered as the first prize, and a six months subscription to The Times for the second and third best suggestions offered. Among the school children, the first prize will be \$3 in cash, and the second and third prizes, \$1.00 each.

As was stated at the opening of the campaign on February 26, on March 15 all of the contributions toward making of Marshfield a City Beautiful will be placed in the hands of a jury of three selected from among the men and women of the city interested in civic development and they will decide the winners of the two separate contests.

While there are still six more days before the end of the contest The Times suggests that the contributions be sent in as quickly as possible. The ideas that are being received are very good; they will be published and no doubt will add considerably toward arousing enthusiasm to clean up the back yards and improve the homes and unsightly spots.

The expected battle will reach its climax tomorrow or Friday. Not until then will it be possible to determine which way the battle will go.

END ALASKA STRIKE

WORKMEN RESUME CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD TODAY.

Labor Union at Anchorage Announces They Will Resume Pending Settlement of Wage Question.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEWARD, Alaska, March 7.—A strike of the men employed on the construction of the government Alaska railroad ended yesterday, when the federal labor union at Anchorage returned to work pending a settlement of the wage controversy.

Leg Is Broken.—While aiding in moving several bales of pulp at the pulp mill the other day E. Pythila, a Finnish employee, sustained a compound fracture of the leg when one of the bales rolled over on top of him. He was taken to the Mercy Hospital for attention and in all probability will be incapacitated for six weeks or so.

Illustrated lecture on the "Pillippines" at M. E. League Hall, Friday evening, 8 o'clock, by Rev. A. S. Hisey.

NEW GERMAN ALLIANCE

Hapsburg Princess to Wed Prince Boris of Bulgaria

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, March 8.—A marriage is being arranged between Prince Boris, eldest son of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, and Princess of the House of Hapsburg.

HOLD LABOR TRUST

SEVERAL BIG CORPORATIONS INDICTED IN OHIO

United States Steel Corporation and Others Charged With Trying to Fix Wages

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, March 8.—Indictments were returned today by the county grand jury against the United States Steel Corporation and five other steel companies and E. H. Gary, executive chairman of the United States Steel Corporation. The defendants are charged with having formed a trust to fix the wages of common labor in violation of the laws of Ohio.

The other companies indicted were the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, the Republic Iron and Steel Company, the Youngstown Iron and Steel Company, the Brier Hill Steel Company and the Carnegie Steel Company.

The indictments followed a sweeping probe of the East Youngstown riots.

Senator Stone declares Pres. Wilson opposes it

Says Executive is Making Supreme Effort to Avoid Being Drawn Into Struggle

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—Senator Stone declared in the Senate today after a conference with President Wilson last night "That so far from the President desiring to involve this country in the European war, his supreme wish was to avoid that calamity."

JETTY IS CERTAIN

PORT OF UMPQUA COMMISSION VOTES \$200,000 BONDS

Capt. James Polhemus to Make Out Plans and Specifications—Gardiner to Celebrate the Event

Two hundred thousand dollars of Jetty improvement bonds were voted yesterday by the Port of Umpqua commissioners in their monthly meeting at Gardiner. The bonds are to be advertised, the bids for the work must be let and it is expected actual construction will start this summer, according to C. R. Peck, attorney for the Port, who returned home today.

Captain James Polhemus was recommended and his services have been accepted to make out the plans and specifications for the work and all other details up to the beginning of actual construction when an engineer will be secured to remain on the Umpqua and take charge of the work.

Ten days ago a committee consisting of Warren P. Reed, I. P. Christie and C. R. Peck went to Portland and interviewed Colonel Potter, chief of the local engineers. The report of the committee was made yesterday.

The state will be asked to reserve the lands it owns at the mouth of the Umpqua for the purpose of harbor improvement work. Colonel Potter promised that the survey of the river's entrance will be completed.

Captain Polhemus, who understands the Umpqua situation, consented to do all the work leading up to the actual construction of a jetty for \$350 and his offer was accepted. When work starts another engineer will be secured, one who will be paid a monthly salary and remain on the job.

Commissioner W. P. Reed has offered the Port a free quarry site for the purpose of this improvement.

Gardiner is jubilant over the passing of the \$200,000 bonds and the Chamber of Commerce there last evening, holding a meeting with the attendance of 50 members, voted to set aside a day for the celebration of the event, which in all probability will be held this month.

At the same time was taken up the matter of making a road from Gardiner to the station named Drew. An effort will be made to change the name of this station to Gardiner. The county commissioners are said to be waiting to see if this station can actually be secured before voting any funds for the road.

Times want ads bring results.

GERMANS CLAIM

VERDUN GAINS

Berlin Announces Decisive Advances Against French Lines Yesterday

BIG BATTLE RAGES

Engagement Develops Into One of Greatest in History of Warfare

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Paris Reports Situation Unchanged—Kaiser Announces Further Advances in Woivre Section—French Gain

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Mar. 8.—The battle of Verdun developed both in intensity and in extent all day yesterday and is now raging along the line from Cheppy in Argonne to Fresnes in Woivre, showing that the second attack for the stronghold is to be made on a larger scale than the first.

The capture of the French positions west of the Meuse on both sides of Forges Brook below Bethincourt, on a front three miles wide and nearly two miles deep, was announced today by Berlin. The village of Forges and Regneville on the heights of Rathen and in Cummeres woods were also taken. In this assault 58 officers, 3277 men and ten cannon were captured.

In Woivre, the French were driven out of the last houses they held in Fresnes, Berlin reports. More than 700 prisoners were made.

Paris says the situation north of Verdun is unchanged. No infantry attacks were made last night. In Champagne, the French recaptured portions of trenches lost March 6.

COUNTY IS TO WIN

HARD BATTLE WAGED OVER \$165,000 OF TAX MONEY

W. U. Douglas Returns From Portland—Puts Confidence Coos County and Banks Have Winning Hand

On a lack of jurisdiction demur the defendants in the two cases of the Menasha Woodware Company against Coos County and the First National Bank and the Flanagan and Bennett bank hope to win a favorable decision in few days from the U. S. District Court at Portland.

W. U. Douglas, attorney for the First National Bank, returned this morning from Portland. He has been there a week with District Attorney Liljeqvist on court business. He believes that the defendants will win their case.

The Menasha Woodware Company months ago, put some \$165,000 in escrow, this amount to cover their unpaid taxes and back penalties during the time the question as to their title to the lands involved shall be ascertained. It is for the return of this sum that the company is now contending, the arguments having been fought out within the last few days before District Judge Robert Bean in Portland.

Caused Scare.—Geo. Black of the Sumner Hardware this morning started to solder a hole in an old gasoline can. However, there happened to be a little gasoline in the can and when the solder iron heated it up, there was a young explosion. Luckily there wasn't sufficient gasoline in the can to cause a bad explosion. Mr. Black escaped injury. It was reported that several windows in the rear of the shop were broken by the explosion but Milo Sumner said that these were broken sometime ago.

MAYOR GILL WINS

HAS BIG LEAD IN SEATTLE MAYORALTY ELECTION

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 8.—Official returns from 217 of the 277 precincts of Seattle give Mayor Gill 3923 majority over Austin E. Griffiths and indicate Gill's total majority will be about 5000.

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