

ASAMA'S CREW SAFE, BUT VESSEL WILL BE A COMPLETE WRECK

If Her 500 Sailors Are Brought to This Country They Will Be Interned.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 5.—Wireless messages flew thick and fast today from the flagship San Diego of the Pacific fleet to the navy department at Washington relative to the wrecking of the Japanese cruiser Asama, on the Lower California coast.

The United States navy department is speeding south to the aid of the stranded crew and was expected to reach the scene of the disaster some time this afternoon.

Just what steps the United States government will take after the arrival of the Raleigh is not known.

If the 500 interned Japanese sailors are brought to this port on board the Raleigh it may be necessary to intern them here, this being a neutral country.

The Japanese wireless was silent. An officer was placed upon the British collier Boyne, which happened to pass, and sent to San Diego for aid.

The Asama struck two miles north of Thurloe head, 35 miles southeast of where the Danish motor ship Malakka went ashore December 18, 350 miles south of San Diego.

GERMAN AVIATORS ON BATTLE FRONT DROP BOMBS UPON FURNES

French Say Damage Done Slight and Claim to Have Regained Lost Trenches.

By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Squadrons of German aviators are bombarding the allied trenches from Neuport to a point south of Ypres.

The official war office statement issued this afternoon announced that two hostile monoplane have dropped explosives at Furnes, six miles inside the lines of the allies.

Several Taubers were seen to pass Neuport, apparently en route to Dunkirk to undertake another bombardment of that port.

The government admits that a determined German infantry attack in the Argonne forced the French to evacuate more than 100 yards of trenches, but the statement adds that a brilliant counter attack at night succeeded in regaining the positions for the French.

German artillery south of Arras has been silenced in a spirited duel. Canonading continues northeast of Albert and in the regions of Nonoy and Ferone.

Allies Fly Over Zebrugge. London, Feb. 5.—Advices from Rotterdam today state that aviators of the allies have dropped bombs at Zebrugge. The damage done is not known.

Educated Worm Is A Modern Wonder

Harvard Professor Teaches "One-Eyed Pete" How to Go to Bed by Use of Electricity.

Boston, Feb. 5.—An educated worm is the latest word in Harvard's circles of learning. One-eyed Pete is his name.

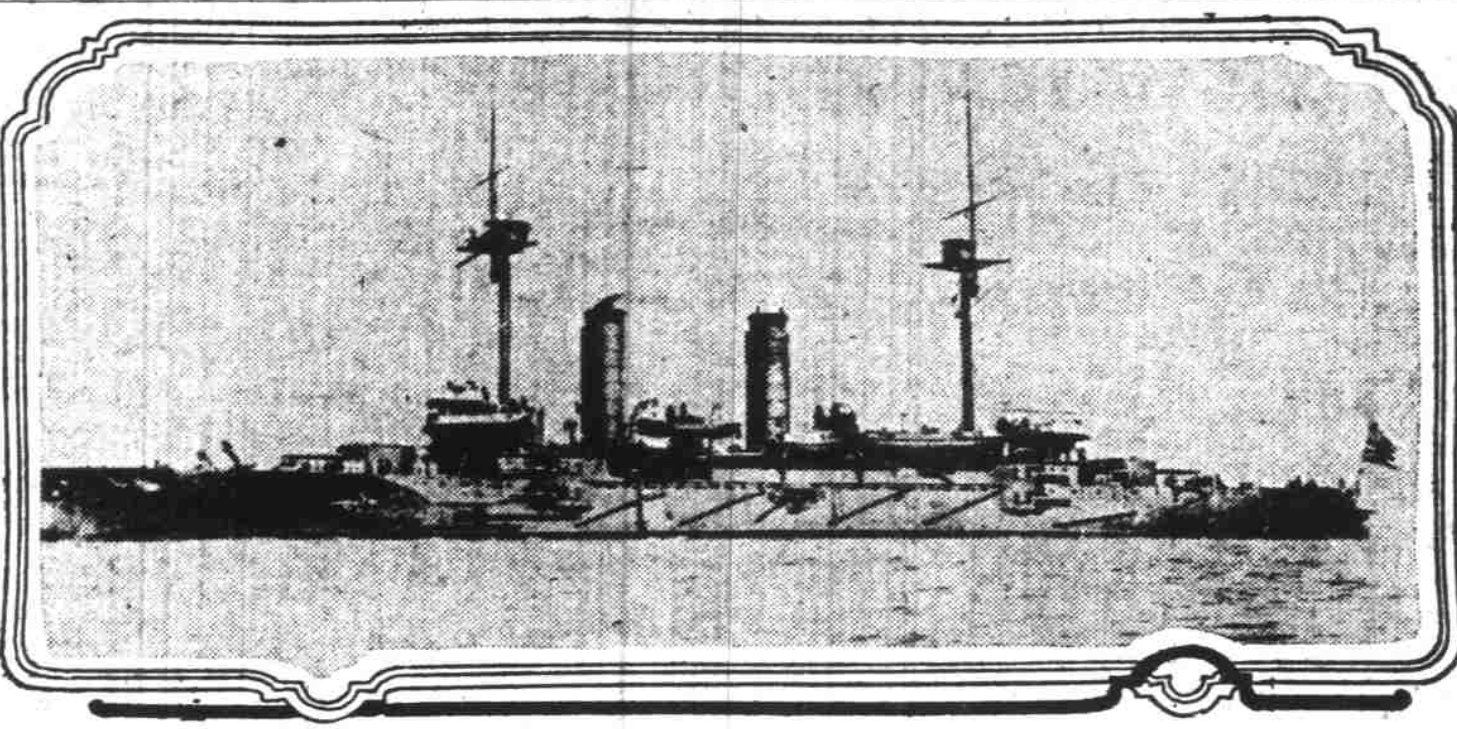
Pete, rigged up a device full of holes like a chess. At one end of a large hole were two other paths, one of which led to a comfortable resting place, the other being charged with electricity.

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JAPANESE CRUISER ON THE ROCKS WILL BE A TOTAL LOSS



Armored cruiser Asama, which is hard and fast on reef near entrance to Turtle Bay, Lower California. The Asama was built in 1898 and is of 9860 tons displacement.

N. W. BILLIARD TOURNEY OPENS MONDAY NIGHT

Mac Bisailion Will Start Off at Seattle With Hulén.

The opening match of the Northwestern Billiard Tournament will be played in Seattle Monday night, February 8, between Charles Hulén, representing Tacoma, and Mac Bisailion of Portland, representing the Waldorf Billiard Parlors.

The final games will be played in Portland on February 13 and 19.

At Seattle—February 8, Bisailion (Portland) vs. Hulén (Tacoma); February 9, Rice (Spokane) vs. Hogue (Seattle).

At Everett—February 10, Bisailion (Portland) vs. Walgren (Everett); February 11, Hogue (Seattle) vs. Walgren (Everett).

At Tacoma—February 12, Rice (Spokane) vs. Hulén (Tacoma); February 13, Hulén (Tacoma) vs. Walgren (Everett).

At Spokane—February 15, Bisailion (Portland) vs. Hogue (Seattle); February 16, Rice (Spokane) vs. Walgren (Everett).

At Portland—Hogue (Seattle) vs. Hulén (Seattle); February 18, Bisailion (Portland) vs. Rice (Spokane).

WAR SUMMARY BY J. W. T. MASON

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New York, Feb. 5.—Germany cannot maintain an effective blockade of the British Isles. It is as impossible for the German submarine fleet to starve England into surrender as it is for Zeppelins to terrorize her into submission.

The German declaration against British merchant vessels does not, in fact, proclaim a blockade. Instead, British waters are pronounced a "war zone," which is a technical term excluding neutral shipping from belligerent ports, as would a blockade.

A principle, therefore, is affirmed in international law quite without modern precedent. Germany, in effect, announces that it will treat all British ships in British waters as blockade runners, although the blockade has not been established. A warship may sink a blockade runner without consideration for the lives of its passengers or crew.

Under international law, merchantmen of an enemy which are not blockade runners cannot be sunk unless provision is made for saving life.

This is a humane precedent which Germany proclaims herself free to break. That England has declared food imports into Germany contraband is not a sufficient rejoinder. The question does not concern contraband lists, but is a declaration of war against civilians. The modern conception of war differs in this essential from the humane precedent. Modern wars are only between officially recognized armed forces, not between soldiers and civilians. Otherwise, Germany could massacre the municipal population of the French territory now in German possession and thus provide more food for its army.

A number of England's merchant ships undoubtedly will be sunk and some confusion will prevail, but submarines cannot do more than form a paper blockade, which all neutrals are entitled to ignore. There is always a serious danger of a crisis with neutral countries when a paper blockade is attempted. This will be greatly increased when it is coupled with warfare against civilians.

Are Germans Desperate? The Germans, of course, know the risk. Their unprecedented move must, therefore, have a meaning. The most probable interpretation is that Berlin believes Germany cannot win in the war, and has adopted the deliberate policy of inflicting all the damage possible to England before the inevitable happens.

Against the other belligerents the German fleet could succeed, but the weight of England turns the balance. Hence the bitter hatred of England in Germany and the final effort to inflict the utmost harm to Englishmen, regardless of law and the former rules of warfare.

Jitney Buses Must Not Be Overlooked

On the request of Mayor Albee, Chief of Police Clark this morning issued a general order for the police to watch jitney buses to see that the machines are not overloaded with passengers. Since the service with passengers, the loading capacities of the jitneys have been sadly abused.

Investigations of the police disclose the fact that five-passenger machines have been made to carry eight and nine passengers. The jitney drivers are to be warned and if the warnings are not heeded the drivers will be arrested for violating the taxicab ordinance passed by the council this week.

JUDGES IN PRECINCT 37 WERE FACETIOUS IN COUNTING BALLOTS

Chairman and Clerk Say "Tommy Word" and "Andy Windjammer" Used.

That "Tommy Word" and "Andy Windjammer" were used instead of the ballot numbers in counting the vote for sheriff and constable part of the time in precinct 37, was the sum of the testimony given before Judge Kavanaugh yesterday by A. L. Clark and his wife, chairman and clerk respectively of the day board in the precinct under dispute.

They were positive that no irregularities were committed during the tenure of the day board on the day of, or following the election, but testified to seeing the ballots out on the table at 11:30 the night of November 3 in charge of one member of the night board. The mysterious Linde who was employed as a watcher in the precinct was not in the polling place at the time.

Judge Kavanaugh allowed Clark, who is an ex-army officer, to tell a detailed story of his part in the election from beginning to end.

"I can truthfully say," said Clark, "that I don't believe it is possible for fraud to have been committed during the time the day board had charge of the ballots. I personally looked up the ballots during the recesses taken for meals, and I took all the ballots out of the box, one by one, when Linde relieved me for about 20 minutes."

The first day four persons were left in charge of the boxes while two went to lunch, but the next noon, at the request of the board, I let four go, leaving Linde and Cuihane in charge.

Erasures for Voters. "The ballots were locked in the box, but there by myself with all the board watching. I don't see how any erasures could have possibly been made at that time."

Clark testified, as did Mrs. Clark, that some erasures were made during the day of election for persons who had made mistakes, and that Knowles, who was an artist, was designated to help women needing assistance to vote.

The hearing was resumed this afternoon, and will be continued tonight if all the testimony is not in before 6 o'clock.

DELAYED TRAINS ARRIVING

With heavy storms and washouts near Tehama and Red Bluff, Cal., incoming Southern Pacific trains from the south have been delayed 12 to 24 hours. No. 12, the Shasta, due yesterday, will arrive at 6:45 p. m. today.

Shasta due today at 2:30 p. m., will arrive at 7 p. m. No. 14, due yesterday, will arrive at 10:30 p. m. tonight; No. 16 will arrive at 11 p. m. tonight, and No. 14 will arrive at 11:30 p. m. tonight.

As to southbound trains, a made up Shasta will leave Portland at time at 3:50 p. m. today. No. 13, with regular equipment, will leave Portland on time at 8:15 p. m. tonight. No. 15, with regular equipment, will leave on time at 1:30 a. m. tonight.

A French investigator has given the date of the earliest and most earnest opponents of race suicide.

NEHALEM PLANS BIG MOTOR BOAT REGATTA JULY 4

Races Will Be Held in Nehalem River and Out-siders Invited.

Nehalem, Or., Feb. 5.—Preparations are being made for the greatest water sports event ever held in this county by the Nehalem people for July 4. Already the plans have been carried forward sufficient to assure a success in the races to be held on Nehalem river. Probably no city of its size on the coast has so many motor boats and there are some speedy ones ready to meet any that will come. An invitation will be extended to racers from the outside and prizes large enough to induce them to come will be hung up.

The Nehalem motor boat brigade is extensive and nearly every kind of engine manufactured will be represented. Harry Bell leads the list with five motor boats of different classes.

Alfred Anderson has three and Albert Crawford has a like number. The Effenbergers brothers have two motor boats and there is a long list of those ready with one to take part in the events. Two horsepower detachable motors are prominent on the river and a special race for this class of motors will be run. E. M. Clark is the leader in this line and asserts the two horsepower boats will show more class than any others.

Plans are made to a race between boats of two horsepower, six horsepower and a free for all. Prizes amounting to \$250 are already promised and a greater amount may be hung up before the plans are fully matured. Robert Carlson, who recently secured a motor boat, is anxious to try his boy with the rest of them and in the chief mover in the event for the coming Independence day.

ANDREWS AFTER PACKEY

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Manager Tom Andrews is angling for a White-Welsh mile or 1 1/2 mile bout between McFarland and Clabby as the closing event for his Milwaukee club. Should he fall in both, Andrews will stage another Clabby-Gibbons battle.

Rain Welcome at Baker.

Baker, Or., Feb. 4.—For the last three days there has been heavy rainfall throughout the whole territory east of the mountains and where dry irrigation reservoirs were looming up, the moisture has been received in such abundance that a few boys will assure plenty of water for spring, while the dry ground is getting a soaking the value of which cannot be estimated. Placer miners are also cheering up. Lack of snow through winter made the outlook bad not only to the ranchers and placer miners, but to the lumber companies as well. The latter alone do not share in the benefits of the rain, for lack of snow in the woods has been a great hindrance to logging operators, which condition is not remedied.

Free to Poor Children.

The management of the Majestic invites the children of Portland who are unable to pay to see Salisbury's great show of "Wild Life in America," one of the most entertaining and instructive pictures of bird and animal life ever filmed. (Adv.)

Weather records compiled for more than a quarter of a century indicate that the atmosphere of London is becoming less foggy.

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DEAR PUBLIC BUNKED IN BELIEVING CLUBS HAVE BIG GOLD MINE

Popular New York Giants Return Only \$80,000 a Year on Big Investment.

By Frank G. Menke. New York, Feb. 5.—It seems as if the dear, old public has been banded into believing for a large number of years that the baseball game is a gold mine proposition for all those who horn their way into the ownership of a big league baseball club.

The real facts are that very, very few of the big league clubs have averaged more than a 6 or 7 per cent return on their investment during the past eight years—the so called "golden era" of baseball.

This statement is based on the financial showing of the New York Giants during the past four years—the estimates on baseball returns.

The profits of the Giants covering the regular season, follows: 1911 (actual).....\$85,000 1912 (actual).....75,583 1913 (estimated).....75,000 1914 (estimated).....80,000

The Giants for many years have been the greatest drawing card in baseball. At home and on the road they played practically every other club from 3 to 1 to 4 to 1. The Giants play 77 games each year on their home grounds. Because there is such a large transient population in New York, as well as such a big crowd of home fans, they average around 10,000 and 12,000 a day in attendance.

Against this, clubs such as the Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Naps, St. Louis Browns, Brooklyn Dodgers and other habitual second division clubs draw an average that rarely goes over 3000 per game.

Hot Springs May Race. Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 5.—Racing will be resumed in Arkansas under the pari-mutuel system of betting, if a bill introduced in the state legislature becomes a law. It aims principally to reopen the track at Hot Springs, closed six years ago by the Amos anti-racing act.

Pierce to Meet Cross. New York, Feb. 5.—Harry Pierce, the Brooklyn lightweight, who recently made Leach Cross hurry, is going to get another chance at the veteran. The two are signed for a match at the Brooklyn Sporting club for February 20 or 23, was announced today.

The Peninsula club basketball quintet of the City Basketball league forfeited to the Archer & Wiggin Weonas last night. The Weonas, which are managed by H. B. Critchlow, went through the league season without a defeat.

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