

SINKING OF PRINCESS IRENE NOT WORK OF SPY, CLAIM OFFICIALS

Feel Certain It Was Accidental Explosion Which Killed Over 300 Yesterday.

BOAT BLOWN TO ATOMS

Excepting Bits of Floating Wreckage No Trace of Fine, New Craft in the Harbor.

Sheerness, May 28.—(U. P.)—Rumors were persistently circulated today that a German spy caused the explosion which blew up the steamer Princess Irene with the loss of more than 300 lives here yesterday.

The admiral ordered an immediate investigation into the disaster, but it was declared that the explosion would surely be found to have been due to an accident. Officials ridiculed the spy rumor, recalling that following the blowing up of the warship Bulwark, also destroyed at her dock, similar stories were circulated.

Investigation showed that the destruction of the Bulwark was due to an internal explosion. The nature of the explosion was never published.

Outside of bits of floating wreckage there was no trace of the Princess Irene in the harbor. The explosion which wiped out her crew of 250 men and 87 dockyard workmen literally blew the steamer to atoms.

Vessel Built for U. S. N.
The Princess Irene was built for the Canadian Pacific British Columbia coast service, but was ordered into the admiralty service at the outbreak of the war.

How the explosion which wrecked the Princess Irene actually occurred may never be known. Not a single man of the 300 or 400 on board escaped. The entire vessel and its men simply disappeared in a vast roaring blast of flame and smoke. When the smoke drifted away there was nothing of the Princess Irene remaining in sight but a piece of stack.

Jack Hodges was returning to the steamer in a small boat when the explosion occurred. He was in full view of the Princess Irene when she was blown to pieces.

Vessel Disappears Entirely.
"I was headed for the ship," said Hodges today, "when suddenly there came a deafening roar. A vast column of smoke and flame leaped into the sky from where only a moment before I had seen the Princess Irene. There were a few seconds of dead silence, and then things began falling down into the water. There were bits of men's legs, arms, bodies and splinters of wood and steel. The debris came down so thick I dodged back into the cabin of my boat to escape being struck."

Splinters of steel and wood fell nine miles from Sheerness. A girl was hurled to the ground and killed by the force of the explosion while crossing a railway bridge at Port Victoria. Members of the crews of vessels anchored nearby in the Princess Irene suffered severely from the concussion.

A second child was killed at Port Victoria when Hilken Bousst, aged 9, was struck in the head by a flying piece of iron.

Built for Puget Sound.
Seattle, May 28.—(P. N. S.)—Intended, originally for the passenger traffic of Puget sound, the steamship Princess Irene, which was destroyed Thursday on the Thames, might now be running between Seattle and Victoria and Vancouver but for the fact that the British government commandeered her shortly before she was due to sail for the Puget coast. The Princess Irene was launched at Clyde last year and was to have been put on the Seattle-British Columbia run in February.

The vessel was 395 feet long and was capable of making 21 knots an hour. Its construction was similar to the Empress of Russia and the Empress of Asia, owned also by the Canadian Pacific Railway company.

Benefit Comedy Tonight.
Vancouver, Wash., May 28.—For the benefit of the deaf and dumb school, the St. Lawrence Dramatic society of Portland will present a farce comedy, "The Other General" under the direction of Ralston J. Clary, here tonight at the Grand Opera house.

AN ALASKAN DRAMA
National Offers Sunday "The Shooting of Dan McGrew"

"Nothing more impressive," said Melvin G. Winstock yesterday, "has ever been offered for screen exhibition than 'The Shooting of Dan McGrew,' which Sunday opens an engagement at the National theatre."

"It is the photo-dramatization of an American poem by a native author and by the artistic quality of its presentation puts into the work a vital spirit that thrills with an indescribable power. In the film Mr. Breeze gives a portrayal of the deeply wronged and lonely miner, that will live always as one of the classics of the silent drama."

"This is one instance where I personally assure my friends of a rich treat. It is even better than 'The Spoilers.'"

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MINISTER RESIGNS LOCAL PASTORATE



Rev. J. B. Parsons.

Rev. J. B. Parsons, pastor of the Third United Brethren church at Sixty-seventh street and Thirty-second avenue southeast, has resigned his pastorate and will leave for home in Indiana Monday. Accompanied by his family he will go east by way of the Canadian Rockies.

Rev. Mr. Parsons has been pastor of Third church for the past 12 months, during which the membership of the church has been almost doubled and the space in the church building for Sunday school and social gatherings has been greatly increased. Members of the congregation also state that for the first time since its organization the church body has become a harmonious force.

The congregation has accepted the retiring pastor's resignation reluctantly, but with the realization that the call of his aged parents for their son to return home takes precedence over church work.

The parishioners are unanimous in their praise of his work and are understandably envious of the eastern church that is to have his services.

A farewell reception to Rev. Mr. Parsons and his family will be held in the church parlors tonight, to which all members of the church and friends of Mr. Parsons are invited.

Buschmann Kills Self at Seattle

Seattle, Wash., May 28.—(P. N. S.)—C. H. Buschmann, manager of the Northwestern Fisheries company, president of the Association of Pacific Fisheries and well known business man of the northwest, committed suicide here last night. Buschmann's body was discovered in a vacant office in a few days from the offices occupied by his company in the L. C. Smith building.

Buschmann had been missing since early Wednesday morning when he left his office with the remark to his assistant that he might not be back that day. Detectives and friends had been searching for him for more than 24 hours before the body was found. It is believed that he shot himself shortly before midnight Wednesday.

Ill-health and its resultant despondency is the cause assigned for Buschmann's suicide. His business associates declare that he was in no financial difficulties. Buschmann was 36 years old and had been manager of the Northwestern Fisheries company for the past four years.

A peculiar circumstance in connection with Buschmann's death is that his predecessor, Captain D. H. Jarvis, also committed suicide in 1911 in a room at the Seattle Athletic club.

Raspberries Ripe; Big Crop in Sight
East Side Resident Exhibits Box of Luscious Red Berries Picked in Yard; Bumper Crop Expected.

Raspberries are ripe. J. L. Brockmann, who lives at East Burnside and Fifty-second streets, this morning brought in a box of large, red, luscious raspberries that his wife picked. He said they began to ripen several days ago.

"We lived in the east once and never saw raspberries ripen there as early in the year as this," said Mr. Brockmann. "Indications point to a bumper crop this year. But for the long spell of rain and cool weather, I think the berries would have ripened even earlier. They were given a splendid start during the fine weather in March."

Knights Templar Initiation Is Held
Oregon Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, met in Masonic Temple last night to initiate seven candidates. William Davis, eminent commander, conducted the ceremonies. Those who took the degrees were E. C. Morgan, J. B. Argobright, H. S. McGrath, R. C. McDaniel, C. H. Laughlin, J. E. Keefer and T. H. Ramsdell. Prominent members of the order made speeches after the initiation. The next initiation will be Thursday, June 17, at which time it is expected that D. B. Grant, right eminent grand commander for Oregon, will direct the work.

Logging Sidetrack Is in Operation
Vancouver, Wash., May 28.—The new logging sidetrack on the waterfront has been completed by the McCreey & Willard Contracting company and is now in use. It is proving to be a big money saver for the logging companies using it, as it eliminates the use of a donkey engine for dragging the logs from the water track to the waterfront, where they are rafted. The track is so long that seven carloads of logs may be unloaded at one time, and extends into the river. One of the rails is slightly higher than the other and the tripping of patent stakes on the cars permits the logs to roll off into the water without assistance.

Cadet Team Benefit.
The National theatre is today giving a benefit to the ladies' cadet team of Fram Assembly. United States in addition to the three reel films of the regular program there are several special features put on by members of Fram Assembly.

The census bureau has estimated that the population of the United States passed the 100,000,000 mark on April 2.

COOPERATION SPIRIT PUTS RED WING ON COMMERCIAL MAP

Money Kept at Home and the Wheels of Industry Hum in Numerous Lines.

MANUFACTORIES GROWING

Portland Has the Same and Even Better Chance Than Minnesota City Says E. L. Hjermstad.

By Marshall Dana.
What does the name Red Wing mean to you?
Does it suggest a song, a romance or an aborigine?

Ever since yesterday it has been to me a synonym for cooperation. Red Wing means prosperity. Also, "We can do what we will if we will work together."

So here is a wholesome, round-winded lesson for Portland.
Yesterday, to explain, I accidentally met a quietly enthusiastic man, H. L. Hjermstad, of Red Wing, Minn.

He had nothing to sell, not even a town lot. He had just stopped over a day or so to visit his brother who lives here.

"A few years ago," said he, "Red Wing was a farming center. Before the farms were developed and while the trees were being cut, it was a saw mill town. Sudden, we awoke to the fact that we didn't mean much to ourselves or any one else."

"Our was largely a business of trading butter and eggs for groceries. Campaign is Launched.
"When we wanted manufactured goods we bought elsewhere. I am under the impression that when we wanted money we borrowed it elsewhere."

"We talked it over together. Talking it over together was the beginning of cooperation. It always is. We mentioned our most obvious need, manufactures."

"How? was the next question.
"We decided, if we tried, we could find the power within ourselves. A struggling shoe factory, for instance, needed about \$75,000. We raised it among ourselves. The grinding of grain, the crushing of flax, the manufacture of clay, found

abundantly nearby, into pipe and coarse crockery, and other lines of enterprise claimed attention.

"Presently we found that local capital had financed all industries that were necessary and desirable."

"We found we were grinding every bushel of grain produced in three counties adjacent to Red Wing, and crushing every ounce of flax."

"No industries failed. They could not on our plan of cooperative support and supervision."

"We have passed through the recent financial depression without slowing down a wheel or cutting a dollar from any pay roll."

"We had a little census of our own. We found that the population had more than doubled, that we ranked third in manufactures in the state of Minnesota, Minneapolis and St. Paul alone surpassing us, and we are considerably surpassing Duluth which is a larger city by many thousands."

"This cooperation in industry awakened great civic pride. Neither St. Paul nor Minneapolis has so fine a municipal theatre as was built for us by one of our citizens who presented it to the city. There isn't a home in the town that the people aren't proud of."

"The streets are paved, lighted, beautified. We're wonderfully better off because of practical cooperation. The state knows Red Wing as 'The Destructible City.'"

"We are right on the Mississippi river. Presently we will begin to create prosperity from river business for they are to operate powered, steel barges from New Orleans to Minneapolis."

"Portland has, of course, many times Red Wing's opportunity. You've money enough here to finance all your industries if the spirit of cooperation ruled. Why don't you make a survey of needed industries and see what could be done to start them?"

Pier Work Will Start Next Week
Vancouver, Wash., May 28.—Concrete work on pier No. 11 of the new inter-lake bridge will begin within the next two weeks and it is expected that all of the piling for this pier will have been driven by the end of next week. In the neighborhood of 100 piling, 120 feet long, are driven for foundation of each pier. The caisson for the shore pier on Hayden Island has been set into place and as soon as the driving of piles for pier No. 11 has been completed the pile-driver will be removed to this location.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.
Vancouver, Wash., May 28.—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the county auditor to the following persons: Joe Donaldson and Mrs. Lutz Wheeler, both of Tillamook, Ore.; Elmer Nylander and Miss Jennie Maxwell, both of Vancouver; E. S. Mc-

Creedy and Miss Olive Lembke, both of Portland; Frank C. Burgoyne and Miss Winifred Edwards, both of San Francisco, Cal.; Lorenzo Giusti and Miss Bruna Brinati, both of Portland; Walter Hoffman and Miss Beesie Frank, both of Portland; George Edward Blum and Mrs. May Otis Wieland, both of Portland; F. L. Rupp and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, both of Portland.

Students of High Graduate Tonight

Milwaukie, Or., May 28.—Tonight Milwaukie high school's second graduating class will go out into the outside world. Professor M. L. Pittman of Monmouth Normal school will deliver the commencement address at the city hall. Chairman J. W. Gracie of the Milwaukie school board will present diplomas to Corwin Harvey and the Misses Jennie Jones, Esther Jones, Beatrice Buckner, Naomi Hart and Doris Martin.

Miss Martin, who has had the highest scholastic standing in the class for four years, will read a paper on "The Cry of the Children." Miss Hart will render a piano solo. The Misses Gracie will give an instrumental duet and the high school girls' Glee club will sing.

Diplomas will be awarded at the high school exercises to the following Milwaukie grammar school graduates: Margary Smith, Reuben Spring, Evelyn Walker, Ben Alexander and Edward Rigdon, who graduated last February; Francis McIntyre, Elanah Hopwood, Frank Taylor, Thomas Sanders, Martin Katzke, Priscilla Fisch, Eva Birkemeier, Doris Nash, Leona Muller, Ernest Fischer, Amy Bohver, Florence Gracie and Ruth Hart. Miss Hilda J. Olsen is their teacher.

Principal Robert Goetz will present certificates of award to pupils of the grammar and high school who have been neither absent nor tardy all year.

Machinery Arrives.
Gresham, Ore., May 28.—The exhaust box and sump for the Gresham Fruit Growers' association's cooperative cannery at Gresham arrived yesterday, the sealing machinery will arrive today, the boiler has been set by Fred J. Kaster, process man, and all the machinery will be connected up within a week. The motor and machinery for the separate ice plant arrived yesterday and was set today.

Manager James Sterling made the first shipment of gooseberries to San Francisco a few days ago. An average of 25 crates of strawberries per day is being sent to The Dalles. The rain has been rotting the strawberries, and the condition of the berry crop is poor.

COUNTY W. C. T. U. INSTITUTE TO MEET AT MILWAUKIE HOME

State President, Mrs. Jennie Kemp, Will Be One of the Speakers.

Contract for New Deck Let

Oregon City, May 28.—The contract for furnishing lumber to redeck the county bridge at Parkplace was awarded to George Lammers of Beaver Creek, by the county court Thursday. The price was \$9.90 per thousand feet.

Work has begun on the gravel bunkers in the Willamette Valley Southern Railway company's yards, and the containers will be finished within a few weeks. Gravel will be dredged from the Willamette river and stored in these bunkers by the county, preparatory to placing it on the roads in the northern part of the county.

West Linn Plans A Rose Show

Oregon City, May 28.—West Linn Rose society will hold a show in the municipal hall tomorrow. The rose show will be an informal affair. There will be no judges; members of the society will award the prizes. A few of the best rose culturists are barred from exhibiting.

Patriotic Program.
Arleta, May 28.—A patriotic program was given by Arleta W. C. T. U. Tuesday night at Kern Park Christian church, with pastors of five churches of the district participating in the program.

for prizes, and an effort will be made to interest the average resident in growing the flowers.

A small program has been prepared, and will be given by the school children.

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