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CHAMPAGNE NEW SCENE OF ATTACK

Checked by French Reinforcements at Verdun German Offensive Shifts to the Much Contested Navarin Farm, Which Is Taken.

1600 YARDS OF FRENCH TRENCHES CAPTURED

Paris Admits Loss of Champagne Trenches, Attributing It to Surprise Attack; Reports Conflict Regarding Fort Douaumont.

London, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Checked at Verdun by French reinforcements the German Crown Prince's drive is spreading to the Champagne, 40 miles west of the Verdun woods.

The Berlin official statement today virtually confirmed the French claim that the Verdun offensive is halted temporarily at least. At the same time, Berlin reported the capture of over 1600 yards of trenches and the Navarin farm, the scene of desperate conflict in last September's offensive. Efficient artillery preparation preceded this assault, indicating that the big Teuton howitzers battered the Champagne defenses as they did the French lines at the begining of the Verdun drive. More than 1000 prisoners were taken by the Germans.

Paris admitted the Champagne loss, attributing it to a "surprise" attack.

For the first time since the opening of the Verdun campaign, though, Berlin claimed no important gains in that

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SIX BATTLE CRUISERS ARE NEEDED AT ONCE, SAYS REAR ADMIRAL

Eight Scout Cruisers, 20 Destroyers, 30 Submarines Are Also Required.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight, president of the navy war college and member of the general board, today testified before the house committee on naval affairs that the navy, as at present constituted, is only 50 per cent efficient.

Admiral Knight declared that the entire shipbuilding facilities of the nation should be devoted immediately to building six battle cruisers of 30,000 to 35,000 tons displacement each with a speed of 35 knots an hour or better; eight scout cruisers of about 8000 tons displacement; high speed repair, hospital and ammunition vessels; 20 destroyers; 30 submarines; a floating drydock in the Atlantic, another in the Pacific.

Admiral Knight also declared that naval bases should be established at once in the Carribean sea and at Guam.

Admiral Knight declared, that even though the navy is unable to utilize all of its strength now because of the lack of battle cruisers and scout cruisers, there is immediate need for 25,000 more seamen.

To Retain Sugar Duty.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—The house ways and means committee today voted unanimously in favor of reporting Chairman Kitchin's bill repealing the free sugar clause of the tariff law.

To Purify Postoffices.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—A bill designed to take the postoffice department out of politics will be introduced in the house today by Representative Tinkham of Massachusetts. The measure would place all first, second and third class postoffices under the classified civil service rules. Postmasters would be appointed for merit and experience in the postal service and promoted from lower ranks. They would hold office subject to civil service regulations and would be immune from political interference.

To Insist on Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Announcement of his intention to push his resolution calling for an investigation of the army aviation corps to a vote as soon as the deadlock in congress over the armed merchantmen controversy is out of the way was made here today by Senator Robinson of Arkansas. He said he believed the adoption of his resolution was certain.

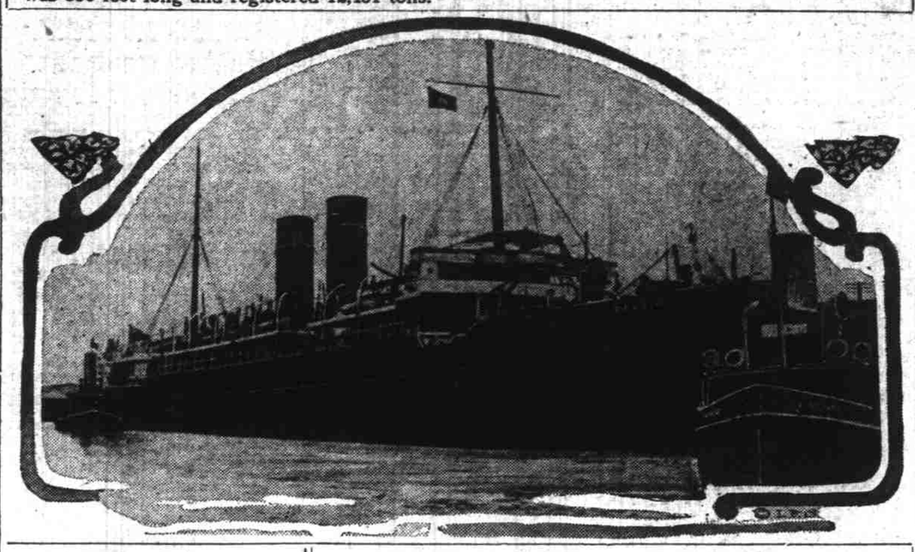
Would Go to Chile.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Senator Walsh today suggested to President Wilson that he appoint Dr. E. B. Craighead of Missoula, Mont., for the Chilean ambassadorship.

Snow in Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—A heavy snowstorm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, visited this section of Tennessee today. Mississippi also reported snow and sleet.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP MALOJA, Australian mail boat, sunk by a mine off the coast of Dover, was a sister ship of the Persia of the same line, shown in the picture. The Persia was sunk in the Mediterranean, near Alexandria, with great loss of life. The Maloja was 350 feet long and registered 12,431 tons.



P. & O. LINER IS SUNK BY MINE IN SIGHT OF DOVER; 150 DROWNED

Maloja, Sister Ship of Persia, Sunk in Dover Straits; Rescue Ship Also Sunk.

London, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Fifty-two persons are known to be dead and 98 others are missing as a result of the sinking of the Peninsular & Oriental liner Maloja in the Straits of Dover yesterday. The vessel struck a mine, believed to have been planted by a German submarine.

A revised list given out this afternoon by officials of the steamship company says that 64 passengers and 197 members of the crew were saved.

A patrol boat which arrived on the scene soon after the disaster picked up an infant who was floating on its back. The babe was taken to the engine room and warmed and was soon "cooing."

The parents had believed their baby was lost.

Confirmation of the reported drowning of Mrs. McLeod, wife of General McLeod, was received today.

A Day of Sea Casualties.

Near the Maloja at the time of the accident was the steamer Empress of Fort William. She hurried to the assistance of the stricken Maloja, met a similar fate and sank in half an hour.

It was a day of casualties at sea. Three other steamers were listed, making a total of five.

The British Mail steamer Mechlenburg, of the Zeeland line, struck a mine on a voyage from Tilbery to Flushing and went to the bottom. Officials of the line say that the passengers and crew were saved.

Seventeen Survivors Landed.

The steamer Birgit, according to official reports, has been sunk. The same report says that 17 survivors have been landed, but fails to mention the fate of the others.

The British steamer Suevier, from New York to Havre, has been abandoned afire at sea. The members of the crew are reported to have been taken off by another steamer.

By far the most serious was the double disaster which befell the Maloja and the Empress. The Maloja was on her way from London to Bombay. She had aboard approximately 150 passengers and a crew of 200, mostly Las-

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Doctor Loses Life In Rescuing Sister

Dr. Haken B. Christensen of Vancouver, B. C., Holds Woman's Head Above Water Until Guard Arrives.

Venice, Cal., Feb. 28.—(P. N. S.)—In an effort to save his sister's life in the surf, Dr. Haken B. Christensen of Westminster, B. C., sacrificed his own life yesterday afternoon. Mrs. R. Tofft, the sister, who is a prominent society woman of Vancouver, B. C., is at St. Catherine's hospital, Santa Monica, in a precarious condition from her experience.

Dr. Christensen and his sister were winter guests at the Waldorf hotel. While in bathing a short distance from shore Mrs. Tofft was seized with a cramp and called to her brother to come to her assistance.

Dr. Christensen dashed to the rescue and was seized about the neck by the drowning woman in a grip which he was unable to break. He managed, however, to keep Mrs. Tofft's head above water until a lifeguard reached them. When Dr. Christensen was taken ashore some 30 minutes later all efforts to revive him were fruitless.

German Commander Commits Suicide

Count Kanitz, Leader of Turks at Kermanshah, Kills Himself as Russians Enter the Persian City.

London, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's says that Count Kanitz, the German commander at "Kermanshah, committed suicide when the Russians succeeded in entering the Persian city.

AMERICA'S STAND IN PRESENT CRISIS

"I would be just as much ashamed to be rash as I would be to be a coward. Valor is self-respecting. Valor is circumspect. Valor strikes only when it is right to strike. Valor withholds itself from all small implications and entanglements and waits for the great opportunity, when the sword will flash as if it carried the light of heaven upon its blade."

"The point in national affairs never lies along the lines of expediency."

"America ought to keep out of this war. She ought to keep out of this war at the sacrifice of everything except the single thing upon which her character and history are founded, her sense of humanity and justice. If she sacrifices that, she has ceased to be America."

"There is only one way in which to determine how the future of the United States is going to be projected, and that is by looking back and seeing which way the line ran that led up to the present moment of power and of opportunity. There is no doubt about that."
—Extracts from President Wilson's address before the Gridiron club.

OLD MAN FIRES FROM AMBUSH; KILLS TWO; ARRESTED, CONFESSES

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Akers, Near Grants Pass, Victims of M. D. Bousman.

Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 28.—Late Sunday afternoon the murdered bodies of L. B. Akers and his wife, who lived on a farm on the Applegate river three miles above Wilderville and 10 miles from Grants Pass, were found lying by the roadside near their home. Both had been shot to death. The team of horses with which Mr. and Mrs. Akers had probably started for Wilderville to attend Sunday school, were also lying dead nearby, killed by the murderer.

M. D. Bousman, a neighbor with whom Akers had been having trouble, was arrested and confessed to the double murder.

The Akers, an aged couple, lived on their farm on Bull Creek, a small tributary to the Applegate river, and the road to their place is little used. At about 5 o'clock James Vinnegar, a laborer at a mill, in returning to the mill, came upon the bodies where they had evidently lain since early in the forenoon.

The bodies were about 20 feet apart and the top of Mr. Akers' head had

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Wonderful Device Is Used by Local Welding Company

Sometimes, in a movie show, one sees some highly scientific malefactor burning a large, round hole into a big steel safe, and he thinks, "Well, of course, the guy had to get into the safe somehow," and lets it go at that. But the movie man with his scientific criminal has nothing on a certain thoroughly law-abiding citizen of Portland who burns steel bars in twain and melts holes in steel plates or beams while you are getting ready to wait. His miraculous labor saver is today described, with some of its notable feats, on the editorial page of The Journal under the caption "Nothing the Matter With Portland." That such a utility is available for prosaic, everyday purposes will be news to most Portlanders, and, in many a possible dire emergency, news of highest value. All should read what the manager of the Torit Welding company says of the wonderful device that is the basis of his business.

Spaniards Come to Accept Purchases

Commission to Leave Madrid Tomorrow to Accept Delivery of War Materials Bought in This Country.

Madrid, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—A Spanish commission which has been appointed for the purpose of accepting delivery from United States manufacturers of the war materials purchased by Spain will leave tomorrow for New York on board the steamship Manuel Calvo.

VALOR STRIKES ONLY WHEN IT IS RIGHT, SAYS THE PRESIDENT

Notable Address by Wilson at Gridiron Club Brings Outburst of Applause.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—It was not until last night that the address of President Wilson before the Gridiron club Saturday night was made public, because of the fact that no speeches made at the dinners of this famous newspaper men's club are reported.

Time and again the president's words were punctuated with spontaneous outbursts of applause, while at its conclusion the distinguished banqueters, including United States senators, congressmen, prominent professional and business men, came to their feet in a remarkable demonstration of enthusiasm.

Responsibilities of Office.

The address, given out by the White House last night, in part follows:

"Your talk, Mr. Toastmaster, has been a great deal about candidacy for the presidency. It is not a new feeling on my part, but one which I entertain with a greater intensity than formerly, that a man who seeks the presidency of the United States for anything that it will bring to him is an audacious fool. The responsibilities of the office ought to sober a man even before he approaches it. One of the difficulties of the office seldom appreciated, I

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Malone Calls Wilson Strongest of Times

Collector of Port of New York Compares President With Washington and Lincoln in Y. M. C. A. Speech.

New York, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson was compared to George Washington and Lincoln by Collector of the Port Dudley Field Malone in an address on "Prosperity and Preparedness," in the west side Y. M. C. A. In referring to the neutrality question, Mr. Malone said:

"Those who think the attitude of Woodrow Wilson is a sign of weakness are mistaken. He has shown himself to be the strongest man of the times, because he has had the courage, in a pre-election year, to tell congress that it must not transgress his prerogative as president. Lincoln had a similar experience.

"I do not say that he is a second Washington. Nor do I say our president is a second Lincoln. He is simply Woodrow Wilson. No great man is ever a second. All great men are firsts —Washington, Lincoln and Wilson."

Huge Loan Approved By Duma Committee

Russian Government Will Borrow $1,000,000,000 on Ten Year Basis at 5½ Per Cent Interest.

Petrograd, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The finance committee of the duma today approved the new loan of $1,000,000,000.

The loan will be made on a 10 year basis and will draw 5½ per cent interest.

No New Naval Bases, Declares Sec. Daniels

Representative Hawley's Bill Not Approved by Head of the Navy Department.

Washington, Feb. 28. — (WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.) Secretary Daniels has informed Chairman Padgett of the house naval affairs committee that no new naval bases are favored because of other expenditures. He, therefore, disapproves Representative Hawley's bill for the Columbia river base. Representative Hawley will, nevertheless, press his bill before the committee.

GERMANY WILL SINK LINERS ONLY IF THEY ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

New Policy Outlined to Correspondent Contains Apparent Contradictions.

By Carl W. Ackerman.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Germany will not torpedo passenger liners without warning, even after Tuesday, when her warfare against armed merchantmen becomes effective, the United Press was reliably informed today. Germany will endanger human lives only in case a steamer attempts to escape, to fire on a submarine or to ram it.

The difference between the past and the future submarine warfare will be that:

Armed ships will not be considered legitimate peaceful trading vessels.

Commanders will not torpedo every ship encountered, trusting later that they may prove them vessels armed for offense.

Commanders will not violate previous instructions to warn passenger liners before sinking them.

Considers Warning Sufficient.

Germany is not courting trouble with America, but if a future accident endangers Americans, Germany will consider she is not responsible inasmuch as she has warned Americans and the American government officially.

Officials and the American colony read with surprise President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone. Leaders were astounded that the armed ship controversy had been linked by the president with a question of America's national honor.

As the hour of the new campaign approaches, the question of a possible diplomatic break is receiving more consideration, as both officials and the public believe America's attitude in the pending negotiations is unfriendly.

Allies Violated Law First.

President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone has suddenly shown officials here that the German-American situation is serious.

"These are impressive words," said a high foreign official, after reading press versions of the president's declaration.

"The president's sentence declaring he had no choice, in honor, but to take the position he has taken, struck home.

"The foreign office, however, is puzzled at his declaration that submarine attacks on armed ships are violations of international law.

"Surely he has not received the Woodfield proof," said one, referring to the alleged secret British orders to attack submarines, which were taken from the British steamer Woodfield. "Surely by those orders the allies have violated international law first and are thereby endangering Americans."

The above is the first indication that Germany does not intend to torpedo liners, even if armed, and it indicates she intends to fulfill her pledges in the Arabic case.

There is almost a contradiction, however, in the statement that she will not consider armed ships "legitimate, peaceful trading" vessels. This may mean she insists that armed vessels must be regarded as warships, and it might prevent embarrassment should an over-zealous submarine commander sink an armed liner.

Germany Admits Violation.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Germany has admitted for the first time that her proposal to war on armed merchantmen technically violates international law. This was the interpretation drawn here today from United Press Staff Correspondent Ackerman's dispatch, quoting a German official as charging that England "first" violated international law.

If Germany takes this view, she is contending that the decree is a reprisal, though previous Berlin reports indicated Germany took the position that neutrals could not expect to bind Germany by an obsolete law adopted when privateers infested the seas.

South and East Are Being Snowed Under

Western New York Has Heaviest Snow of the Winter—Snow and Sleet Extend Down Into Gulf States.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Western New York was experiencing today the fiercest blizzard of the winter. The storm began early Sunday and continued through the day. A 70 mile wind accompanied the snow. Country highways are piled so high that they are impassable.

All of the railroad lines are blocked to the south of the city and trains are hours late in getting through. Near Dunkirk the snow is drifted to a depth of six feet in many places. Smaller towns are entirely cut off from traffic and communication, as miles of telephone wires have been torn down.

A message from Corry, Pa., says that the damage in that section will reach thousands of dollars.

M'ARTHUR IS FOR O. & C. LAND BILL OF CHAMBERLAIN

Prevailing Sentiment in Oregon, as He Has Found It, Favors Ferris-Chamberlain Bill, Says Representative.

PUTER BILL IS KILLED BY ITS OWN SPONSOR

Politics Was Played at Salem Land Conference, Declares McArthur.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Two important developments came from the land grant hearing before the house public lands committee today. Representative McArthur gave strong indorsement to the Ferris-Chamberlain plan, while Congressman Wilson of Illinois withdrew what has been called the "Puter" bill giving preference rights to applicants to purchase, which Chairman Ferris denounced last week as "loaded."

"From my judgment as to the prevailing sentiment in the state and the study I have given," said McArthur to the committee, "the Ferris-Chamberlain bill is the one that should be passed. The proposition of selling timber lands worth $10,000 or $20,000 a quarter section for $2.50 an acre is absurd. It would be in the interests of a few at the expense of the many.

Money for School Fund.

"Proceeds from timber sales should go to the school and road funds of Oregon, taking into account an equitable sum for the federal government. All actual settlers on the land should be protected, but applicants to purchase have no standing."

McArthur discussed the proceedings of the Salem land grant conference, declaring "considerable politics was worked and considerable dissatisfaction expressed concerning it," he said the conference in a measure contradicted itself by appointing a committee to meet with the railroad in negotiations resulting in nothing. McArthur said he was friendly to the forest reserve policies but the grant lands should not be added to the forests unless lieu rights are granted as to contracts needed to square up existing forests.

Puter Bill Withdrawn.

Representative Wilson in withdrawing the Puter bill made no explanation, saying he did not desire the committee to consider it longer.

Representative Hawley finished his argument, contending that the purpose of his bill was to offer only agricultural land for settlement at $2.50 an acre, leaving the timber undisposed of. The railroad would then be forced to come into court for a modification of the decree, he said, concerning the timber. Chairman Ferris read into the record the Puter contract to buy back half of the land if the applicant secures the right to purchase.

C. C. Hunt telegraphed Ferris from New York, asking that action be postponed to April 1, to give "settlers" time to present their case. Hunt is unknown here.

U. S. NATIONAL BANK PURCHASES TITLE TO LOTS ON SIXTH STREET

Transaction Is One of Largest Cash Deals in Years in Portland Realty.

Deeds were filed with the county clerk this noon giving the United States National bank title to the northwest corner of Sixth and Stark streets for a consideration of $275,000.

This transaction brings to a close one of the largest cash deals in years, after carrying on negotiations since October through the local realty firm of Wakefield, Fries & Co.

Of the consideration $237,000 is cash and the balance of $38,000 is in form of a mortgage held by the Travelers Insurance company on the corner lot owned by H. & M. Wolf.

One Lot Brings $137,000.

Under the terms of the sale the corner, described as lot 4, block 83, Portland, is transferred by Marcus Wolf and wife, Jennie Wolf, and H. Wolf and his wife, Richi Wolf, to the banking institution for $137,000.

The adjoining lot, on Sixth street, described as lot 3, block 83, Portland, passes from Alexander Wagner of Portland for $100,000 cash.

The Wolf deed bears $137 in revenue

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Grand Jury Is Given Orpet Murder Case

Youth Accused of Murdering High School Girl in Lake Forest, Ill., Appears in Best of Spirits.

Lake Forest, Ill., Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—William H. Orpet, accused of murdering Marian Lambert, today was given a preliminary hearing by Magistrate Vickerman and was bound over to the grand jury.

Orpet, who previously has appeared pale and worried, today apparently was in the best of health and spirits.

Rail Service to Marshfield to Begin Soon

Rate $8.80, Which Is Little Over Half Present Rate; To Use Ferry Across Umpqua.

Railway service between Portland and Marshfield will be a fact before April 15. This word was brought to Portland today by John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, and James A. Ormandy, chief clerk in the passenger department, on their return from an inspection trip over the Willamette Pacific.

The service, however, will not be all rail all the way, as a bridge across the Umpqua river is yet to be finished, and ferry service across the river will have to be resorted to probably until late summer or early fall.

The through passenger fare, including ferry service, will be $8.80. The present fare, including rail, stage and launch, is $14.50. The line is now in operation between Eugene and Cushman. Rails are laid, however, almost to the Umpqua, and when service begins the ferry service will from Gardner to Reedsport, about a mile and a half long. From that point, rail service will be resumed to the Coos bay points.

TWO ARE INJURED IN EARLY MORNING FIRE IN HEART OF THE CITY

Fireman Frank Noland Is at Hospital as Result of Fall in Performance of Duty.

Two persons were injured and the six inmates of the rooming house had to be taken out by the police and firemen, when fire gutted the two-story frame building at Fourth and Stark streets at 3:30 this morning. The loss is between $3,000 and $4000, according to the estimates of the tenants and John Clark, owner of the structure, today.

Frank Noland, a substitute fireman of the crew of Engine 1, is at the Good Samaritan hospital, seriously injured as the result of a fall of 35 feet from the roof of the annex of the Title & Trust building.

Mrs. Lula McCullough, landlady of the rooming-house on the second floor, is at the Astor hotel, Fifth and Stark streets, suffering from injuries received when carried out by Captain of Police Circle, Patrolman W. H. Maas and firemen.

Firemen Save Women.

Mrs. Elsie Darrell, a waitress, who was asleep in the room on the second floor that was totally destroyed by the fire was rescued from a second story window by Lieutenant Treece of Engine 1 and Tom Gavin, chauffeur for Chief Dowell, when nearly suffocated by smoke. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The building, covering ground space of 50 by 100 feet is of wood and has been on fire several times before. Five months ago the frame story building occupied as a carpenter shop just west on Stark street, was totally destroyed by fire, and occupants of the same rooming house had to flee for their lives.

Occupants Were Panic Stricken.

Not until the arrival of the first fire companies were occupants of the rooming house aroused. By that time the place was filled with smoke, and the four men and two women residents were panic stricken.

Henry Jensen, Eugene Henry, A. A. Bowman and B. Lemon, roomers, had time to dress partially. Two of them were guided down the stairs by firemen, but Eugene Henry and Bowman climbed down ladders from the second floor.

Fireman Gavin drew Mrs. Darrell through a window and handed her to Lieutenant Treece.

Mrs. McCullough Collapses.

Mrs. McCullough, who took possession of the rooming house last Wednesday, was wandering aimlessly about the building, suffering from the smoke, when located by Captain Circle. She collapsed and was dragged down the stairs. Her back was badly wrenched, and she was bruised.

Fireman Noland was on the annex roof assisting in directing two streams into the building. He fell when about to descend on a ladder. Stepping from the top of the fire wall in the darkness and smoke, he missed and landed in the court 35 feet below.

Several Small Shops Damaged.

The places damaged by the fire are those of Kahn the Tailor, 91 Fourth street; the Winner restaurant, 93 Fourth street; a soft drink bar at the corner of Fourth and Stark streets; the Goodwin tailor shop at 285 Stark street, and a shoe shop at 285½ Stark street, besides the rooming house occupying the entire floor above. The downstairs establishments were all partially insured, and in no instance was the loss total, excepting in the rooming house.

All the downtown fire companies responded to the alarm. Chief Dowell and Battalion Chief Holden directed the fire fighting efforts. The blaze was under control in 20 minutes.

Lamar Wins Point in Fight for Freedom

"Wolf of Wall Street" Is Granted Writ of Certiorari Reinstating His Appeal From Conviction.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The United States supreme court today granted David Lamar, "the Wolf of Wall street," a writ of certiorari, reinstating his appeal from conviction on charges of impersonating a congressman and denying the prosecution a mandate which would send Lamar to prison immediately.

GERMANY TO SINK ARMED ENEMY SHIPS

Ambassador Von Bernstorff Calls on Secretary Lansing and Presents Germany's Views on Attacking of Armed Merchantmen.

AMERICAN POSITION IS HELD UNREASONABLE

Germany Contends Armed Vessels Are Not Peaceful, Secret Orders Given by the British Admiralty Nullifying Promises to the U. S.

By John Edwin Nevin.

Washington, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Germany has refused to accept President Wilson's views regarding armed merchantmen.

Notification to this effect was given Secretary of State Lansing by Count Johann von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, at 11:30 a. m. today. Secretary Lansing was told that the German government takes the position that there is "No such thing as a merchantman armed for defensive purposes."

Von Bernstorff frankly told Secretary Lansing that Germany took the position that armament of any character is offense armament so far as merchant vessels are concerned.

Secretary of State Lansing announced this afternoon that no decision on the submarine question will be made by the government until the appendices showing Great Britain's orders to merchantmen to attack submarines, now en route to the state department from Ambassador Gerard, are received.

Austria Stands With Germany.

The German ambassador called at the state department on an appointment made at his own request. It followed a conference between Baron

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MEAT ORDINANCE IS PASSED BY COUNCIL, EFFECTIVE AT ONCE

Measure Providing for Meat Inspectors Also Adopted at Today's Session.

The revised meat inspection ordinance was passed by the unanimous vote of the city council today. The measure takes effect immediately. The council also adopted an ordinance providing for meat inspectors, a chief inspector at $150 a month and two deputies at $125 a month each.

The ordinance provides that all meat hereafter sold in Portland must be marked "inspected and passed" by the inspectors. The regulations are the same as those of federal government. Meat inspected by the federal inspectors is exempt from city inspection.

The measure provides for central inspection booths where meat shipped into the city is to be inspected, and for inspection at the large slaughter houses just outside the city limits.

When decisions of the inspectors are questioned the owner of the meat is to be permitted to appeal to the chief inspector and from his decision to the council.

Commissioner Bigelow at first opposed paying the inspectors $125 and the chief inspector $150 a month, but he was won over by Mayor Albee, who contended that the amounts fixed were not excessive.

Chris Bell, representing Front street commission men, said that at least four inspectors would be necessary to enforce the ordinance. The council decided to experiment with three, however.

Quintet Reprieved From Long Terms

Two Women and Three Men, Serving Terms of 4 to 40 Years for Misconduct With Daughter of One Freed.

San Quentin, Cal., Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Warden Johnston of the state penitentiary here will release today Mrs. Ruby Bartol, Mrs. Josie Horn, Otto Creitzer, Orville Taggart and Fred Hoosier, serving from 4 to 40 years each, and reprieved by the state prison board. The quintet, the board held, had been sentenced through a miscarriage of justice, on misconduct charges involving Mrs. Bartol's daughter. Judge Childs of Del Norte presided in their case, and afterward was acquitted under impeachment charges arising partially from this case.

Kuropatkin Commands in North.

London, Feb. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"The appointment of General Kuropatkin to command the armies in the northern front was made in consequence of the illness of General Plehve, who succeeded to the command when General Ruszky's health failed in December last."