

## RUSSIAN YOUTH HAS STIRRING EXPERIENCES IN PAST TWO YEARS

Woodemar West Has Been on Two Torpedoed Vessels Since Leaving Native Land

### ARRESTED ONCE AS SPY

French Commander Detained Young Man Until Convinced He Could Not Speak German.

Twice torpedoed and at one time in danger of conviction as a spy, Woodemar West, a swarthy Russian lad of 18 years, has emerged from a two years' experience on the high seas with a whole skin and an unrepentant enthusiasm. His maritime adventures began a few days after the precipitation of the European conflict, on the docks of Odessa, Russia, when with a sudden determination he decided to see the world on board an English freighter which was taking on her cargo under his fascinated gaze.

Concealed by the genial steward in a dark recess he escaped the vigilance of the Russian custom officials. Carlisle, Wales, proved to be his destination, and after arriving there he was safely smuggled ashore.

Field as Spy. On the French boat "Isabelle," on which he shipped as oiler, he was suspected as a spy. He was taken before the commander of the French fleet in the Adriatic sea and by professing utter ignorance of the German language, which he did happen to know, and by showing Russian letters he proved his innocence of the charge.

Various vessels carried him from port to port after that, Montreal, Canada, was visited by him at one time and the Dardanelles at another. The first German torpedo to mix in the affairs of West tore a monstrous gash in the hull of the British steamer on which he was working, while off the coast of New Zealand.

All but the fireman and second engineer were saved by a passing steamer. The submarine's propeller disturbance of the water was plainly visible. West claims. The other violent intrusion by a torpedo occurred when but six hours out of the British channel. The schooner sunk rapidly, but the shore was close by and all on board escaped in lifeboats.

Has Learned English. Around the Horn was included in West's uncertain itinerary as well as the ports of Portugal and the Falkland Islands.

Woodemar has been in America for barely six months after arriving on a British bark at Kalama, but he can speak understandable English and is quick with his perceptions.

## STOWAWAY ENJOYS MANY ADVENTURES



Woodemar West.

## Graham Glass, Jr., Is Head of Kappa Sigma

Graham Glass Jr. was elected president of the Portland alumni chapter of Kappa Sigma national collegiate fraternity at a meeting held in Arcadian Garden of the Multnomah hotel Friday night. Mr. Glass is a Harvard graduate. John C. Veatch, an alumnus of the University of Oregon, was chosen vice-president, and D. C. Stannard and Bruce Holbrook were selected for secretary and treasurer. The Portland alumni chapter has a membership of 100, representing 25 colleges and universities. A Kappa Sigma luncheon is held every Friday noon at the hotel Multnomah and a dinner and business meeting is held on the first Friday night of the month.

## Fruit Growers of Newberg Banquet

Newberg, Or., Jan. 8.—The meeting held yesterday as the result of a call sent out by the Velje Canning company was a success in both attendance and manifestation of interest by growers of fruits and vegetables in this vicinity. A. Rupert of Portland, president of the company, talked on the plans of the company and urged growers to give special attention to growing products of the best quality and to bringing them to the cannery in the best possible condition.

## RELATIVES REVEALED BY Z. T. SIGLIN WILL, DIVIDING UP \$50,000

Six Brothers and Sisters of Bachelor Pioneer of Coos County to Have Bequests.

### LEGATEES LIVE IN EAST

Until Document Was Read It Was Thought Nephew, Who Took Charge, Was Sole Heir.

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 8.—When the late Z. T. Siglin, bachelor and pioneer of Coos county, died a few days ago leaving an estate upward of \$50,000, it was thought his only heir was a nephew, Hiram Wright of Oregon City, who came here and arranged for the funeral.

The will of Mr. Siglin has been opened and it is now learned that with the exception of some small bequests the money is to be divided by trustees equally between six brothers and sisters. They are: Mrs. Rachael Marshall of Sycamore, Ill.; Mrs. Ella Whipple of Genoa, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Wright of Woodward, Iowa; Mrs. Jennie Barlow of Woodward, Iowa; Isaiah Siglin of Dunlap, Iowa; Michael Siglin of Woodward, Iowa.

A bequest of \$500 is made for Mrs. Kate Lando of Marshfield, who is an adopted daughter of the late General Siglin. A large amount of valuable timber is included in the estate and the total value may reach as high as \$100,000.

### Port of Umpqua Elects.

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 8.—At the annual meeting of the commissioners of the Port of Umpqua officers were chosen as follows: President, C. E. Ricker of Smith River; vice president, Fred Weatherly of Scottsburg; secretary, J. R. Browne of Reedsport; treasurer, W. P. Reed of Gardiner. A payment was made to A. Giebisch of Portland, contractor, who is doing the jetty work. Building a wharf and other construction work has been completed and soon the construction of the jetty proper will begin. The rock will be brought from a quarry on Smith river on scows to the harbor entrance.

### Back Alimony Wanted.

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 8.—Frank Mosteller of North Bend has been cited to appear in the circuit court this week to answer a charge of contempt of court in connection with a divorce case. Mosteller's wife secured a divorce, the decree providing that the husband pay \$25 a month alimony. This was in May, 1916, and it is alleged that since then the husband has paid only \$65.

## Court Holds Short Skirts Sufficient Cause for Divorce

Kansas City, Jan. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The skirts of a married woman must not rise—on the public streets at least—above her shoe tops. No less authority than the circuit court has so decided. Husbands whose wives display for the errant eyes of passersby a space of hosiery beneath the lower hem of dress or suit or coat, may hereafter seek divorce with reasonable chances of success. And when this expense of hosiery measures two inches or more—shame, says the circuit court. When Mrs. Rose Cuff sued William P. Cuff for divorce she charged various shortcomings—impudence, extravagance, charging short skirts. The husband got the decree.

## EXTRA SESSION LOOMS BEFORE CONGRESS AS ALMOST A CERTAINTY

Work Can Not Be Handled in Nine Weeks at the Rate of Speed Being Shown.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(U. P.)—Evidence piles up that congress may need an extra session to complete its short session work. Nine weeks of the session remain. In them the house must pass many important bills, including most of the appropriation bills, which the senate must pass afterward.

The president's railroad program and many special bills, including suffrage, the prohibition amendment to the constitution, remain to be acted upon.

The real shirt sleeve work will come when the house ways and means committee starts to find a way to pay the bills, principally army and navy bills, which the senate and naval committee will present soon.

Faced with a probable deficit of hundreds of millions and no hope of decreasing expenditures, it is up to congressional leaders to decide just how Uncle Sam will pay. Tariff and bond issues are the solutions offered.

Last week the principal work really accomplished by the house was the passage of the Niagara river water-power bill and the Lever cotton classification bill. Now it is wrestling with the agricultural appropriation bill, not to mention the note leak investigation.

## Applications Filed Under 640-Acre Law

North Yakima Land Office Has Great Rush of Business With Passage of Enlarged Homestead Act.

North Yakima, Jan. 8.—Applications have been filed at the land office this week for homesteading 20,000 acres of the public domain under the provisions of the new 640-acre homestead law. This acreage is covered in 50 applications. Half the number are for the full section of land which Uncle Sam now gives and the remainder are to supplement acreage already taken.

The applications were filed and suspended for the secretary of the interior must pass upon the character of the land and decide whether it is non-mineral and non-irrigable.

## Dallas Moose Lodge Surrenders Charter

Remaining Members on Rolls Take Transfer to McMinnville Lodge; Was Thriving Few Years Ago.

Dallas, Or., Jan. 8.—La Greole lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, which a few years ago was one of the most thriving fraternal orders in Dallas, has voluntarily surrendered its charter. The members remaining on the rolls have taken a transfer to the lodge at McMinnville.

### Newspaperman Leaves.

Dallas, Or., Jan. 8.—Lawrence Dinnick, city editor of the Polk County Observer, has gone to La Grande to accept a similar position on the Daily Observer. He is succeeded here by Harry Kuck of The Osmies.

## Pastor Uses Large Ad in Newspapers

Marysville, Cal., Jan. 8.—(P. N. S.)—The Rev. J. D. Allen assumes the pastorate of the Broadway Methodist church, Chico, Sunday morning. He invited the people to attend his services by inserting a big display advertisement in the Chico daily papers. The advertisement said: "The Broadway Methodist church welcomes you during 1917 to all church services. Our doors are open to all, with malice toward none and charity towards all."

## Miner of Marysville Finds \$245 Nugget

Marysville, Cal., Jan. 8.—(P. N. S.)—Jerry Meyers, miner of the Smartsville section, Saturday picked up a gold nugget worth \$245 on a slat street. Meyers, returning to his cabin after a visit to the grocery store, where he "stood off" the merchant for 15 cents of tobacco, saw the nugget glistening in the mud. The recent heavy rains had washed the dirt away from the gold.

### Coos Tax Levy 19.4 Mills.

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 8.—The tax levy of Coos county for the coming year will be 19.4 mills, same as last year, in all parts of the county where the school districts have high schools. In districts where there are no high schools the levy will be 20.5 mills. The difference is because of the levy made to sustain the high school tuition fund.

## CRIMINAL LAWS USED TO ENFORCE PAYMENT OF NOTE, IS CHARGED

Case Against W. L. Benham Dismissed at Salem After He Had Settled With Bank.

### RINGO DEFENDS ACTION

"I Don't Have Any Objection to Such Procedure; I Did It Many Times," Says District Attorney Involved.

Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—Use of the criminal laws of the state to force collection of a civil debt has been charged in many cases, and it appears to have been true in the case of W. L. Benham, who was indicted by a Marion county grand jury, the charge being dismissed after he had settled with a Staton bank on a \$1500 note. In February, 1913, Benham obtained a water permit from the state engineer for an irrigation project not far from Staton. He filed on 80 feet of water and proposed to irrigate 6400 acres of land.

In September of that year he sold a half interest in the project, one-fourth to C. A. Low and one-fourth to LeRoy Park. In part payment he accepted from each two notes for \$3750.

### How Indictment Occurred.

He placed the notes in the hands of the Staton bank for collection, and with them as collateral he borrowed \$1500. Getting into financial straits he was unable to pay his note when due and the bank was unable to collect the notes which had been left for collection. The matter ran along for nearly three years.

District Attorney Ringo says that on the last day of September, 1916, Marion county's grand jury was sitting. Attorney Sam Richardson, representing the Staton bank, appeared before the grand jury and asked for an indictment on Benham.

### District Attorney Explains.

"We didn't have time to call any more witnesses," said Ringo in explanation, "as that was the last day of the grand jury session. The mat-

ter couldn't go over as the statute of limitations was about to expire. "Attorney Richardson said the sale of water rights made by Benham was bona fide, but was framed up to enable Benham to obtain a loan from the Staton bank. The grand jury took his word for it, without further investigation. I drew up the indictment charging him with obtaining money by means of a false token.

### Ringo Defends Action.

"But suppose the criminal laws were used to collect a debt? I don't have the objection to such a procedure that some people have. I did it many times while I was district attorney."

Based on the indictment, a warrant was issued for Benham's arrest. He was arrested at Oakland, Cal., and extradited. To extradite him and return him to Salem cost the state \$96.50. He was kept in jail two or three days until he was released on bond.

He made a settlement with the bank and shortly before Ringo's term of office expired he dismissed the indictment against Benham on the grounds a settlement had been made and there was not sufficient evidence to warrant prosecution.

### Attorney Says Sale Bona Fide.

Attorney John Carson, who represented Benham, says the sale made by Benham to Low and Park was bona fide and was made in good faith and that it was no fault of Benham's that the notes given by the two men were not paid. The transfer of the water rights was properly recorded at the office of the state engineer at the time the sale was made.

## Slight Illness Drives Rich Man to Suicide

William T. Hovey Bathes, Shaves, Was Breakfast, Lays Out His Clothes, Then Shoots Himself and Dies.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—(P. N. S.)—William T. Hovey, 75 years old, retired capitalist connected with the Pope Estate company, a cousin of George A. Pope, well known local lumberman, committed suicide Sunday morning.

He arose shortly after 5 o'clock, carefully shaved and bathed, laid out clothes for a proposed motor trip, breakfasted lightly with his aged wife, and then went upstairs to the bathroom, locked the door and shot himself through the head. He died instantly.

Normally of excellent health, he had been suffering for several days with acute indigestion. This aggravated a chronic low bloodedness which caused numerous nose hemorrhages.

## BONDS BROUGHT OVER BY DEUTSCHLAND ARE REPORTED SOLD HERE

Attache of German Embassy Said to Have Disposed of a Big Block of Securities.

### New York, Jan. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The New York Sun Sunday morning prints:

"Word was received yesterday from Chicago concerning a visit to that city recently of Dr. Heinrich F. Albert, commercial attache of the German embassy with the purpose of disposing of the greater part of Berlin's \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 worth of German government bonds. It is reported that the war bonds to that amount already have been sold to German-Americans. "The bonds were brought to this country by the Deutschland, Germany's submarine merchantman. It is said the bonds were subjected to hydraulic pressure, being pressed together as closely as possible and sealed in tin boxes.

"Upon the arrival of Captain Koenig and his submarine in New London, Conn., the bonds were shipped at once to the German embassy in Washington.

"Fearing lest the submarine might be challenged by the allies, it is said, the bonds were so issued that they were of no value whatever, without the signature of Count von Bernstorff. "Once the signature of Count Bernstorff was put on the securities, they were handed to Dr. Albert to offer to sympathetic German-Americans throughout the country. The negotiations for their sale were carried on quietly and only staunch pro-Germans were approached and given an opportunity to subscribe.

"Dr. Albert is said to be greatly delighted at the reception that the bonds received. The Deutschland is likely to have still another batch of the bonds for wealthy German-Americans to buy on her next trip.

"The bonds are said to pay an attractive rate of interest, large enough to appeal to buyers from a monetary point of view, as well as from a patriotic view. They are said to be a part of a recent issue of the German government.

"Leopold Zimmerman, of Zimmerman & Forsyth, the firm which is selling interim certificates calling for

the delivery of German bonds after the war, said last evening that he didn't know of any German war bonds being brought over on the Deutschland.

## \$50,625 Farm Loans Wanted Near Eureka

Sixteen Loans Asked for By Humboldt County Farmers Are Approved and Requests Sent to Banks.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 8.—(P. N. S.)—Applications for 16 loans aggregating \$50,625 under the federal rural credit system were approved by the recently organized Humboldt County Farm Loan association at a meeting here Saturday and an application for a permanent charter was signed and forwarded to the farm loan bank at Berkeley.

Additional applications for loans are under consideration by the association, which will bring the total up to over \$90,000. These applications will be acted upon within the next few weeks. Humboldt county farmers are among the first to apply for loans under the act.

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