

GERMANY PROMISES TO FURNISH 'PROOF' OF BRITISH METHODS

Charge Made That Armed
Merchantmen Hunt Ger-
man Submarines.

By John Edwin Nevins.
Washington, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Germany has promised the state department complete "proof" that British armed merchantmen systematically hunt German submarines to ram or sink them by cannon fire. Specific instances of such actions already have been cited to the state department. Up to the present time this evidence is incomplete and as a result the United States has not utilized it to make a direct inquiry to Great Britain. Secretary of State Lansing said today. The German government has promised, however, that it will make out a complete case in its endeavor to have the United States class entire merchant craft, armed force and aft, as auxiliary cruisers. It has cited to this government copies of alleged French and British orders to ram or sink in any way possible all submarines sighted.

Standing Price, It Is Alleged.
In addition it is alleged that standing cash prices of \$200 per submarine are offered by all of the entente governments.

Secretary Lansing said today that he has no information that such offers are "descent for successful resistance to attack."

He also said that this government will without any direct information that the entente merchantmen, especially British, are to be more heavily armed. So far as the suggestion that armed vessels shall have their armament at Halifax, he is concerned, the secretary reiterated his opinion that such action would have no weight. This government would pass upon the status of the vessel as it left the home port, he said.

No Comment on Suggestion.
The secretary made no comment on the suggestion, which has been made from German sources, that taking of armament at Halifax would be a concession by the British admiralty that such armament was illegal. The United States still is without reply from Germany to the latest note dealing with the sinking of the Arabia and the Marina. The state department has furnished the German authorities with evidence which it claims shows that the sinking of the two vessels was a violation of Germany's Sussex pledge.

Secretary Lansing said that the matter was now before the German authorities, and that until the reply is received there is nothing more the United States can do.

Delayed Trains Are Beginning to Arrive

O-W. R. & N. Fast Mail, Due Sunday,
Arrives, and Five Others Expected
Before Midnight Tonight.

Mail and passenger trains began creeping into Portland today after fighting through the great drifts of snow in the Union Pacific lines in Wyoming. O-W. R. & N. fast mail No. 5, the one due here Sunday, arrived about 10 a. m., and five other trains are expected up until midnight. Others will be coming along more rapidly and operating officials look for a resumption of normal service within the next couple of days.

Captain of St. Johns Ferry Is Displaced

On motion of Commissioner Muck, H. Freese, captain of the St. Johns ferry, was removed today and Barney Weir was named as his successor. The reason given for the discharge of Captain Freese was failure to keep the ferry in proper condition.

The board of commissioners also appointed H. H. Clifford to make an inventory of county property. The appointment is a temporary one. The compensation was fixed at \$100 per month.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN OREGON HOUSE

H. B. 361, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating \$75,562.59 for tuberculosis hospital.
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H. B. 364, by joint ways and means committee—Appropriating \$658,936 for state hospital for insane.
H. B. 365, by Callan—To establish or torpedo hospital for children.
H. B. 367, by Callan—To validate deeds made by trustees when beneficiary is undisclosed.
H. B. 368, by Callan—Amending tenure of office law for school teachers so as to provide method of procedure in trials.
H. B. 369, by Jones of Lane—Increasing amount of real property to which injured party is entitled in divorce suits.
H. B. 370, by Jones of Lane—Making it a misdemeanor to remove mortgage chattels from county in which mortgage is given.
H. B. 371, by Jones of Lane—Amending section 561, relating to jurisdiction of courts.
H. B. 372, by Jones of Lane—Amending section 3192, relating to fees of Justices of the peace.
H. B. 373, by Callan—Amending section 562, relating to forcible entry and detainer.
H. B. 374, by Martin—To establish uniform grades of grain.
H. B. 375, by Callan—County delegation—Restricting power of county courts to build intercounty bridges.
H. B. 376, by Callan—To amend section 6121, relating to power of courts.
H. B. 377, substitute for H. B. 121, by fisheries committee—Providing for protection of razor clams.
H. B. 378, by Callan—Amending laws of 1913, fixing standard of gasoline.
H. B. 379, by Stott—Amending 1913

BILLS INTRODUCED IN OREGON SENATE

S. B. 203, by Wood—Abolishing of order of conveyances in Washington county.
S. B. 204, by Baldwin—Authorizing secretary of state to provide county clerks with sets of Lord's Oregon laws for Justices of the peace.
S. B. 205, by Smith of Josephine—Declaring any person operating a mine other than the owner, to be a bailee of any metal or mineral produced for the benefit of his workmen until such wages are paid.
S. B. 206, by Smith of Josephine—Granting longer season for commercial fishermen in Rogue river near Grants Pass.
S. B. 207, by Leinenweber—Providing for manner and sale of tide and over-flow lands.
S. B. 208, by Lewis—(by request)—Relative to evidence on trial for false pretenses.
S. B. 209, by Lewis—(by request)—Providing lesser penalties on conviction of obtaining money or goods by false pretenses.
S. B. 210, by Smith of Coos—Pertaining to registration of titles of real property.
S. B. 211, by Smith of Coos—Authorizing directors of school districts to cause to adopt text books for high schools.
S. B. 212, by Hurley and Shanks—Designating a state highway routes on which all state highway funds must be spent.
S. B. 213, by senate judiciary committee—Providing a saving clause so that when criminal statute applied to repeated persons previously having

PORTLAND'S FIGHT TO GET CHANCE AT ARMY SUPPLY BIDS IS WON

Too Late for Hawaiian Cement Contract but Future Cooperation is Promised.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—As a result of the vigorous presentation by Senator Chamberlain of Portland's claims for recognition in the purchase of army supplies, Quartermaster-General Sharpe has informed the senator that in the future he will cooperate with local authorities for designation of Portland.

"The Portland Chamber of Commerce will be notified when large quantities of material are to be purchased along the Pacific coast," he said, "with a view to entering into an arrangement so that such material as it is contemplated to purchase may be assembled at Portland as well as at other points, provided this arrangement can be made without involving additional cost to the government for dockage facilities."

It is too late, he said, to make a change in arrangements for bids on the cement contract for Hawaii but, had Portland's desire to equalize dockage charges been known in time, bids could have included Portland delivery. Senator Chamberlain and O. M. Clark, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, will confer with General Sharpe Friday to secure a full understanding.

Man and Wife Make Good on Child's Fare

Consensus has impelled an anonymous married couple to refund to the O-W. R. & N. Co. a portion of the railroad fare that should have been paid when their child—over age—ac-

PECK SAYS HIS BILL CAME FROM THOSE OPPOSING MACLEAY

Lively Set-To Over Measure
Prohibiting Salmon Fishing
in Flores Creek.

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—Fish, as usual, started the fire to flying in the house yesterday afternoon, when Peck's bill, providing for the repeal of a 1915 statute prohibiting salmon fishing in Flores creek, came out of the fisheries committee with an unfavorable report. Peck and Thomas battled heated questions and counter-charges back and forth during the fight the former made to have his bill saved from indefinite postponement and put upon the calendar, to be fought out on its merits.

Teachers' Tenure of Office Law Amended

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—A bill amending the "tenure of office law," governing school teachers employed in the schools of Multnomah county, was introduced in the house yesterday afternoon by Callan.

So That Candidate Can Have First Say

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—Brownell is against allowing any one to endorse or recommend any person as a candidate for office unless that candidate has first given written permission to do so. He introduced a bill in the house yesterday afternoon making it unlawful for any person to write, print, publish or circulate any endorsement or recommendation of any candidate for public office, or cause such recommendation or endorsement to be written or be published or sent through the mails unless he had first secured the written permission of the candidate.

Violation of the terms of the bill carries a fine of from \$50 to \$500, or imprisonment from 10 to 60 days, or both.

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During the course of the debate, Thomas rose to ask Peck two questions.

"Is it not a fact that you are the attorney for Roderick Macleay?" was the first question, and the second was, "Is it not a fact that Macleay owns a cannery on the Rogue river which would use all the fish caught from Flores creek, if it was opened for fishing?"

Peck admitted that he was an attorney for Macleay and that Macleay had such a cannery, but he contended that he had introduced his bill at the request of John Nielsen of Bandon, who was one of Macleay's most strenuous opponents. Then he asked Thomas a question.

Then Peck Comes Back.
"Is it not a fact that you went to Portland before the legislature met as the paid representative of the Anglers' club of Medford, to appear before the State Anglers' association to argue for the closing of Rogue river to commercial fishing?" Peck asked.

Thomas denied that the Medford people had paid his expenses and said that the people of Jackson, Josephine and Curry counties had sent him to Portland and that they were in favor of closing the river to commercial fishing unless they would get relief from Macleay from the legislature.

Peck won his fight to pass the bill to third reading and consideration on its merits.

Cold Storage Bills Under Discussion

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—How the regulation of the cold storage business would handicap the business in Oregon at the present time was told the joint committee on food and dairy products last night at an open meeting to discuss bills affecting it by A. C. Black of Portland, spokesman for the cold storage men. Numerous points in the proposed bills, he said, are not practicable. Under the new regulation he said, much business now handled by Portland warehouses would go to Washington.

Food and Dairy Commissioner Mickle spoke in favor of the proposed regulation, pointing out many instances where it would benefit the customer.

The parents, according to a letter accompanying a \$10 bill received today, at that time thought children must pay fare only after they were past 5.

This child was past 5. Learning their mistake later, about the time deep religious convictions seized them, they are making restitution.

The money will be placed in the railroad's "conscience fund."

Building permits and realty transfers filed show conditions for the month of January to be normal, in the opinion of Building Inspector Plummer. At this time last year, he says, conditions were below normal, and indications are that before the end of the present year, they will be above normal.

At the time the building department's office closed Tuesday night, there had been 233 permits filed this month with an aggregate value of \$259,185. In January, 1916, there were 186 permits filed with a value of \$169,375. These figures show an increase of 55 per cent in the number of permits issued, and of 52 per cent in their value.

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THREE MEN WITHOUT PAY TO PREPARE TAX LEVY IS PLAN OF BILL

Public Revenue Commission
Would Be Given Salaried
Clerk and Stenographer.

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—A "public revenue commission" is provided in a bill introduced in the house by Gordon. The bill provides for the appointment of a commission of three men in each county, who shall be appointed by the governor, when the act becomes effective, on the first Monday of December 1917. These commissioners are to hold for four years, and are to be elected afterward. They draw no salary, but are given actual expense money and compensation while engaged in their work from time to time. They are authorized to appoint one clerk at an annual salary of \$1800, and one stenographer at an annual salary of \$1200. The bill provides that the county commissioners shall prepare a budget each year and submit the same to the public revenue commission, which in turn makes the tax levy from the figures furnished by the budget.

Added Attraction Be Staged Tonight

Two Boys Who Exploded Torpedoes
Against Theatre Wall to Tell How
Sorry They Now Are.

An extra special attraction at the Clinton theatre, a motion picture house, tonight will be the first appearance of Charles Cain, 17 years old, and Irvin Arnold, aged 19, to apologize for throwing torpedoes against the theatre walls and causing a near riot.

The boys reside in Woodstock. Last night, with the left overs of a Fourth of July celebration, they cracked the torpedoes against the theatre just as the villain was climbing the porch pillars at midnight. The villain dropped with the shock and a near panic resulted. The lads were seized and arrested.

Judge Langguth in the municipal court this morning gave them the opportunity to apologize or pay a fine, and they chose the former.

Tonight they will tell how sorry they are, and the performance will be duplicated Saturday night.

Eastern Oregon Highway.

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—Representative Small wants to see to it that eastern Oregon secures its full share of good roads construction. He introduced a bill in the house yesterday providing that 30 per cent of all money received from the fund apportioned to the state under the Shafteford act and an equal amount from the state road fund be spent in the construction of a state highway running from Portland to Ontario and passing through Hood River, The Dalles, Riggs, Arlington, Pendleton, La Grande and Baker.

For Orthopedic Hospital.

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—Callan introduced a bill in the house yesterday afternoon providing for the establishment of an orthopedic hospital in Multnomah county for the treatment of children under the age of 16 years. The bill carries an appropriation of \$50,000 for the establishment and maintenance of the proposed hospital during the coming biennium.

To Clear Hospital Site.

Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—A bill appropriating \$50,000 for the purpose of laying out, clearing and grading the

Banking and Postal Receipts for Month Show Healthy Gain

Unusually heavy gains are shown in the banking business of Portland for the first month of the year as compared with a year ago. Total bank clearings of Portland for January were \$61,975,186.54, while those for January, 1916, totaled \$45,361,038.45.

Postal receipts for the first month of the year in the Portland postoffice have approached \$107,500, as compared to \$101,448.28 of January of last year, or an increase of approximately 6 per cent.

Railroad Clerks Gain Promotion

Don M. Taylor, for two years chief clerk in the Portland district freight office of the Canadian Pacific railway, left Tuesday night for Vancouver, B. C., to become chief clerk in the general traffic offices of the railroad.

Mr. Taylor is succeeded here by Richard Lyman, rate clerk in the local office of the Great Northern. Mr. Taylor is a prominent member of the Portland Transportation club. As a corporal in the Oregon National Guard he spent the summer on the Mexican border. His new position is a substantial promotion.

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