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BRITAIN EXPECTS NO PROTEST OVER FLYING U. S. FLAG

Liner Lusitania, Which Arrived at Liverpool on Saturday, Used Stars and Stripes to Escape Germans.

USE BELIEVED JUSTIFIED

If Diplomatic Exchanges Result, England Believes They Will Be Between America and Germany—International Law Said to Sanction the Use of a Neutral Flag.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Great Britain does not expect a protest from the United States as a result of the liner Lusitania flying the American flag during its trip to Liverpool in order to avoid attack by German submarines.

The British foreign office is convinced that the use of the American colors is justified by international law and that if diplomatic exchanges result, they will be between Germany and the United States.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The British steamer Lusitania, of the Cunard line, which sailed from New York January 30 and arrived at Liverpool Saturday, flew the American flag from the time she passed Queenstown until she entered the Mersey. This is vouched for by American passengers who crossed on her.

According to a statement by Will Irwin, an American writer, the Lusitania carried the regulation large American flag at her stern, with a small American flag and mail pennant at the foremast.

Fact Accepted by All on Board. Ex-United States Senator Young, another passenger, while he did not personally see the flag flying, said it was accepted as a fact by all on board.

The Lusitania received a wireless message from the Baltic, of the White Star line, that two submarines had been sighted from that vessel.

The captain of the Lusitania, in reply to a question of one of the passengers, declared that he had a right to fly the flag of a neutral country for the protection of neutral passengers and mails which his ship was carrying.

Voyage Made Full Speed. After being delayed by heavy storms which raised seas deck-high and injured 11 passengers, the Lusitania arrived off Queenstown late Saturday. She cruised off the Irish port for two hours, and without picking up a pilot, as is usually done, proceeded for Liverpool at full speed, arriving at the Mersey channel at daybreak, with the Stars and Stripes still flying.

The British merchant shipping act passed in 1874 contains the following paragraph: "If a person uses the British flag and assumes the British national character..."

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CITIZENS PROTEST AGAINST ANY CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

Fearful of the changes in the county school system which Senate Bill 87 contemplates, a mass meeting of citizens and taxpayers, held in the Pendleton Commercial club rooms Saturday afternoon, unanimously went on record against the bill and voted to request the Umatilla county delegation to use its influence toward killing it or at least in amending it so that some of the most objectionable features would be eliminated.

S. B. No. 87 proposes to throw the entire county, save only districts of the first class, into one district and to have all school matters in this district supervised and directed by a single board of five members. The change is not compulsory but, by a provision of the bill, may be voted upon by all of the citizens of the county outside of the first class districts.

While condemning the bill in toto, the meeting Saturday urged that if it could not be killed that it be amended so that the system could be voted upon by the entire county before adoption.

County Superintendent I. E. Young, Assessor C. P. Strain and A. J. McAllister were the principal speakers at the meeting. They analyzed the bill and explained it thoroughly with the result that the sentiment against the bill was practically unanimous. In Umatilla county the only first class district is the Pendleton district and the bill thus aims to throw all of the balance of the county into one district. The speakers declared that one of the greatest objections to the bill is

INVENTOR OF THE ZEPPELIN DEFENDS USE OF AIRCRAFT

Count Ferdinand Von Zeppelin Declares England is in Mortal Terror of Aerial Fleet.

MAKES REPLY TO PROTESTS

Dropping of Bombs on Unfortified Cities Justified—England Would Use Same Methods If It Had Aerial Fleet to Carry Out Plan—Such Methods Necessary.

By Karl H. von Wiegand, United Press Correspondent. (Copyrighted 1915 by the United Press. Copyrighted in Great Britain.)

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—Via The Hague and London, Feb. 8.—"Does anyone for a moment believe that England, in its determination to crush Germany by every means in its power, even attempting to starve women and children, would not use Zeppelins if she had them?"

It was Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, the creator of Germany's dreaded fleet of aerial battleships, who spoke. This was his answer to protests raised by Germany's enemies against the use of Zeppelins and the dropping of bombs on unfortified places resulting in the killing or wounding of women and children. His answer was a justification of what has taken place and what will continue to take place while the world war goes on.

"No one regrets more than I—and here the voice of the aged soldier and inventor carried a genuine note of unmistakable grief—that non-combatants have been slain. But have not non-combatants been killed by other engines of warfare? Why, then, this outcry?"

"Let me tell you—it is because England and the Zeppelin dirigibles. She realizes that they promise to destroy her splendid isolation. It is because, failing to succeed in building something similar, she hopes to arouse the world to bring pressure to bear to prevent the use by Germany of these great weapons of modern warfare which are not available for her own cause. If the military effect of the Zeppelin airships tends toward shortening this terrible war by only one day, thereby saving perhaps thousands of lives—if the Zeppelins, even now only beginning their development as a new military arm, should prove so effective a weapon as to make wars less likely to occur in the future—then their advent has been of benefit to humanity quite aside from peaceful usages."

Skaters Race Ten Miles. NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—An amateur ten mile roller skating race through the streets with the finish at Grand Central Palace, was viewed by hundreds of spectators today.

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She has already received a number of offers to train horses for wild west shows, she says, and will engage in this line of business upon her return. She will also attend a number of the shows this fall as a trick and fancy rider. Mrs. Clifford's specialty is an all-around horsewoman. In fact, it is said that there are few women in these parts who can manage a horse better than she can. She has attended the past two Round-ups as well as quite a number of smaller wild west shows and for a period of three months traveled with the Barney Sherry outfit all over the west. It was while traveling with this outfit and at subsequent wild west shows that she got to know young Richard Burke so well.

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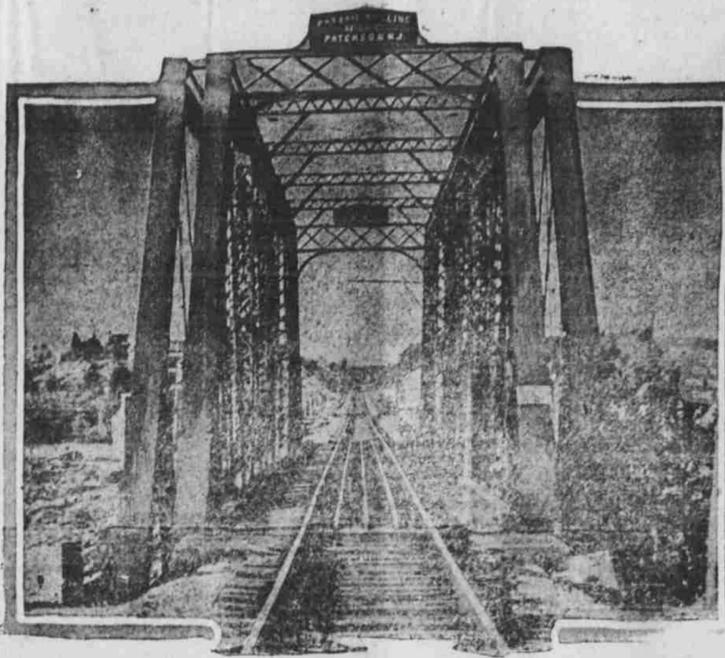
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Bridge Blown Up by Werner von Horn



This is the Canadian Pacific bridge over the St. Croix at Vanceboro, Me., which was partly blown up by the German who gave his name as Werner von Horn, and said he was an officer of the German navy. The bridge formed the most important link between Canada and the British Isles.

It was on the short route of the Canadian Pacific to New Brunswick, where shipments of soldiers, ammunition and supplies for the war have been made.

The prisoner, a powerfully built German six feet two inches tall, weighing about 190 pounds, is undeniably German and gives every appearance of having had military training. According to the authorities he makes no attempt to conceal the fact that at midnight, Monday, Feb. 1 he placed a large charge of nitroglycerine near the Canadian end of the bridge, therefore in British territory, and exploded it in the hope of cutting off the long procession of grain, troops, general food trains, troop trains and horse trains forwarded from northern and eastern Canada to St. John, N. B., for shipment to the British armies abroad. He proudly exhibits a German flag which was wrapped around his left arm when he was captured.

Werner von Horn, Who Blew Up Canadian Pacific Bridge Over the St. Croix River



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HOUSE PROVIDES MEANS TO FINISH FEDERAL BUILDING IN THIS CITY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The house appropriated \$50,000 for completing The Dalles postoffice and \$15,000 for completing the Pendleton postoffice.

ASSESSOR STRAIN TURNS OVER ROLLS TO TREASURER

EVERYTHING IN READINESS NOW FOR PAYING THE COUNTY TAXES.

Umatilla county taxpayers may now call upon Treasurer Bradley and pay over their share of the taxes. The rolls were turned over this morning by Assessor C. P. Strain and everything is in readiness for the annual harvest. Treasurer Bradley has increased his regular force by the addition of R. T. Brown, until recently deputy clerk. Owing to the fact that no announcement of the actual date of the opening of tax collection had been made, no payments had been made up until noon.

The law provides that all taxes shall be paid by the first day of April to escape penalties. If paid after that date up until Sept. 1, a penalty of one per cent per month is required and after Sept. 1 a further penalty of ten per cent is added and the whole amount thus delinquent bears interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum.

Last year quite a number of taxpayers paid only one half of their taxes on April 1, permitting the other half to go over until fall. They paid the five percent penalty but subsequently the county court rebated these penalties. The same law is in effect as last year and no promises that penalties will be rebated are being made.

AUTOMOBILE GOES INTO DITCH WITH SIX PASSENGERS

A narrow escape from serious injury was had by the six occupants of the Rust automobile last night when it turned completely over after going into the ditch alongside the macadam road near Eastland. Glen Rust, the driver, sustained the worst injuries, severe cuts upon the head and some bad bruises, but he was able to be out upon the street today. Roscoe Rogers was also pretty badly bruised and the other occupants, another young man and three young women, all sustained scratches and other minor injuries. The car, a new Hudson, was not damaged to any great extent. The wheels were broken and the top crushed but, after new wheels were put on this morning, the car came in under its own power. The young people explain the accident by stating that the steering gear did not work properly.

Man Rescued from Tomb

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 8.—After being entombed for 32 hours, Richard Rogers was rescued alive from the Ongnon mine near here. He escaped with a few slight bruises. Four were killed in the cave-in.

Investigating Wheat

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—District Attorney Clyde announced that he is investigating charges that wheat speculators have concentrated enormous quantities of wheat at seaboard elevators, ostensibly for exportation but in reality to hold for higher prices.

HOUSE PASSES APPROPRIATION FOR E. OREGON STATE HOSPITAL

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—The house passed four appropriation bills today. They were: Fifty eight thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars for maintaining the state capitol building, supreme court building and the grounds; six hundred and seventy-six thousand, a hundred and sixty-six dollars for the Oregon state hospital; a hundred and forty-four thousand, nine hundred and sixty-one dollars for the institute for the feeble minded; three hundred and fifty thousand, eight hundred and fifty

WHILE THE KAISER LOOKS ON, GERMANS RUSH TO ASSAULT

Desperate Effort Being Made to Relieve Left Wing of the Teutonic Forces in Eastern Theater.

FRENCH CLAIM SUCCESSSES

In Western Theater of War, Gallie Artillery Reported to Have Worked Havoc With the Enemy—Berlin Reports Violent Fighting Between British and Germans.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 8.—Under the eye of the Kaiser, who has arrived at the eastern theater of the war, the German troops in Poland are delivering a series of desperate assaults on the Russian positions at Kamion on the left bank of the Zuzra river.

Realizing how serious is the menace of a huge force of Russians threatening the left wing of the Germans, General von Mackensen has ordered the danger removed at any cost.

Unofficial advices state the czar is at the front in the region of Bolimow. The Russians there are assuming the offensive.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Successes achieved by French artillery in the Alsace and Champagne districts and the dynamiting of German trenches in the region of Quincy were announced by the war office. Efforts of the enemy to mass for an offensive have been effectively checked by shellfire, the statement declares. Little infantry activity is in progress anywhere on the western front. In the north the lowlands are inundated, making anything but artillery exchanges impossible. From the sea to Cise there is heavy artillery fire.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—Violent fighting between German and British troops along the Labasse canal continues, according to the war office. It was declared the Germans have captured a portion of the British trench in that region. In the Argonne region several French fortified positions have been taken. Fighting in the eastern theater is confined to local encounters on the right bank of the Vistula in Poland.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Dispatches received from Athens say that when a Turkish fort near the Dardanelles fired on several British destroyers recently the latter replied with nearly two hundred shells. Explosions from the direction of the fort, the dispatches said, indicated the fort's magazine had exploded.

BILL REQUIRES BIRTHS AND DEATHS TO BE REGISTERED

MATTER NOW GREATLY NEGLECTED WILL BE COMPELLORY FOR PHYSICIANS.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—Registration of births and deaths, neglected for the most part as a statewide practice, is required in a bill by Dr. Smith of Multnomah, which passed the house without much dissent. President Pierce of the state board of health was ready to answer questions, but after Smith's explanation that the bill carries no appropriation and is designated to give new babies the same recognition as that given swine, members voiced no opposition.

Confesses Rifling Mails. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8.—Archibald Brown, 25, a distributing clerk at the postoffice, was arrested charged with rifling the mails. It is alleged he confessed to theft of from \$500 to \$1000 in the last two years, saying he spent the money gambling and in high living.