

THE PEOPLES WAREHOUSE OFFERS \$1,000 AS STARTER FOR COLD SPRINGS ROAD FUND

SERBIA PREPARING TO THROW TROOPS ACROSS FRONTIER

Soldiers are Massing for Invasion of Albania Where Dominating Place Will be Seized and Held.

BULGARIA BECOMING ACTIVE

Events in Balkans Assuming Important Stage. While in Italy, Popular Clamor is Insistent for Entrance into the War on Side of the Allies—Austria Defeated.

ROME, March 17.—Private advices from Uskup indicated that Serbia is massing troops in the direction of the Albanian frontier.

With the object of retaining access to the Adriatic, which she has already gained, Serbia is reported to be determined to invade Albania suddenly and seize a dominating place in that newly created country.

Ominous reports are coming in from Salonica of important Bulgarian movements which have been observed to be taking place in the direction of the Turko-Bulgarian frontier. These movements indicate, dispatches state, that the Bulgarians are massing troops southward toward the Gulf of Saros.

If these movements on the part of Serbia and Bulgaria are officially confirmed they will be of the greatest significance in the Balkans. Serbia for years has coveted an outlet to the Adriatic and Bulgaria wants to drive Turkey entirely out of Europe and gain the commanding place in the Balkan states.

Meanwhile the agitation in Italy continues in favor of the Italian government casting its lot with the allies in the war. The feeling against Austria is undoubtedly growing, especially in the northern provinces.

Anti-Austrian demonstrations were again reported today in a number of Italian cities but government officials insist, however, that there is no cause for alarm and no danger that there will be any change in Italy's determination to remain neutral.

Negotiations are being continued. It is said, by Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, to persuade Austria to voluntarily cede some of her territory to Italy in return for Italy's neutrality.

SOLUTION TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHINA-JAPAN NEAR

AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BUT DETAILS OF IT ARE YET UNKNOWN.

LONDON, March 17.—The Japanese foreign office issued an official statement today announcing that a satisfactory solution is in sight over the differences between Japan and China. This news was contained in a dispatch from Tokyo to the Central News Agency here. The basis of the settlement is unknown.

Japan's demands regarding the status of Chinese territory on the Shantung peninsula has caused protracted negotiations between Peking and Tokyo. The situation has been closely watched by the American state department because of fear that the "open door" policy in China might be in danger.

British Commander Denies Dresden Was in Neutral Waters

DESCRIPTION OF FIGHT ON SUNDAY IS DESCRIBED BY NAVAL OFFICER.

VALPARAISO, March 17.—German assertions that the cruiser Dresden was in neutral waters when a British squadron sent her to the bottom were denied by Lieutenant Commander Fielding of the British auxiliary cruiser Orama, one of the ships which attacked the German vessel.

"The story that the Dresden was sunk in neutral waters is nonsense," he said. "This can be disproved readily by locating the hulk. Our squadron sighted the Dresden 12 miles off Juan Fernandez. Our fast-cruiser, the Glasgow, immediately gave chase, followed by the Kent and Orama. The Glasgow opened fire at short range. Several shots were fired before the Dresden's guns got into action. The Dresden was running toward the coast and the Kent swung in to head it off. Before the Kent fired half a dozen shots, all taking effect, and the Dresden ran up the white flag.

"We stood by to take off the crew and immediately afterwards there was a terrific explosion as the magazine blew up. The Dresden plunged downward and disappeared."

The Dresden was sunk on Sunday. After its escape from the battle off the Falkland Islands, ships of both Britain and Japan had been seeking the cruiser but it succeeded in evading them.

HOMAGE IS PAID TODAY TO PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND

WEARING THE GREEN IS FASHIONABLE IN KEEPING ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Pendleton is all Irish today. All other nationalities are forgotten while St. Patrick's Day, the great Hibernian holiday, is being observed and due homage paid to the patron saint of the Emerald Isle. Everybody on the street is "a wearin' of the green," imitation shamrocks, green carnations and green neckwear everywhere proclaiming that due cognizance has been taken of the "17th of Ireland."

At the Catholic church masses were celebrated at 7 and 9 o'clock this morning and at the latter mass Father Joy of Athena delivered the panegyric to St. Patrick. Services will be held this evening at 7 o'clock in the same church.

A number of festivities will mark this evening. Public dances will be held in both the Eagle-Woodman and the Moose hall, while at the Catholic rectory the Knights of Columbus will give a literary and musical program.

BRITISH ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN ORDER WILL BE IGNORED

United States Will Tell Britain There Will be no Recognition of Blockade on High Seas.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS SUFFER

Estimated the Loss Will Be \$100,000 a Day Through England's Declaration to Close Up German Ports—Protest Will Be Sharp—Order Contrary to Precedent.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The stoppage of American imports from Germany as a result of the British order-in-council, establishing a blockade of Germany, will mean a loss of \$100,000 per day in customs receipts. This was the estimate of Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and Senator Walsh of Montana after a conference with President Wilson and Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

The stoppage of exports also will mean a reduction in the world's consumption of American cotton by 30,000 bales a week. Wilson is detesting most of his attention to the blockade and the international questions growing from it. The attempt of Britain to justify its action and the request that the United States consider the blockade as parallel to the action of the north during the civil war will be ignored by the administration.

The United States will flatly tell England and her allies that this country does not and cannot recognize the right of any belligerent to establish a blockade on the high seas. Senator Walsh, an expert in international law, was outspoken in his discussion of the orders. He did not believe the administration should mince words in voicing its protest against the policy, which he declared was contrary to all law and precedent.

Chilean Papers Protest.

VALPARAISO, March 17.—Chilean papers are united in voicing the opinion that both British and German ships violated Chilean neutrality in the recent naval engagement resulting in the sinking of the German cruiser Dresden was less than 400 miles that the government make it the matter of representations to England and Germany. According to the press the Dresden was less than 400 yards off the surf line when it was fired upon.

A man argues with a woman not because it does any particular good but because of the pleasure it affords her.

MOVE IS ON TO RAISE MONEY FOR HARD SURFACE ROAD TO COLUMBIA UNDER PLAN PROPOSED BY EARNHART

Voluntary Offer by Leon Cohen Starts Ball A-Rolling; Farmers' Committee Rejoices Over Action--Subscription of \$100,000 Wanted--County Bonds to Meet the Remainder of Expense--Present Laws Sufficient.

Cold Springs Road Fund Peoples Warehouse by Leon Cohen - \$1000

"I will be one of 100 men to give \$1,000 each to raise \$100,000 for a hard surface road to Cold Springs under the terms of the plan suggested by R. O. Earnhart in the East Oregonian of March 15. That's all."

This voluntary and unsolicited offer on the part of Leon Cohen, owner of The Peoples Warehouse, was made today and starts the ball rolling toward the big subscription needed if Umatilla county is to get in line to secure the benefits of the open Columbia river.

The offer by Mr. Cohen was made to the East Oregonian during the forenoon and when the news was communicated to the farmers' committee that has been at work on the problem it caused unbounded joy. "That is the business," said J. E. Montgomery, secretary of the Cold Springs committee. "If a Pendleton merchant can afford to give \$1,000 to this road when it will mean but little to him personally because it is the consumer who pays the freight—the farmers certainly can afford to subscribe when the road will mean so much to them in lower wheat rates. Personally I will subscribe a thousand dollars to this fund any time and I believe farmers generally will do the same. It is up to us to get busy."

What the Plan is.

The Cold Springs road plan as proposed by R. O. Earnhart, president of the Farmers Union of Umatilla county, is that a hard surface road be built with money raised by subscription and by a county bond issue. It is estimated the total cost will approximate \$200,000 and a subscription equal to 20 per cent is desired, so as not to place all the burden upon the entire county. Those who subscribe will be allowed to pay in 10 annual payments interest not to exceed six per cent.

The plan outlined by Mr. Earnhart calls for a hard surface road from Cold Springs landing to Pendleton and for a spur road leading from some point on the road eastward to connect with the Wild Horse highway. This idea in the spur road is to give advantages of the river freight rates to Adams, Athena, Weston, Milton, Freewater and to the farming country adjacent to those places.

By raising 20 per cent of the cost of the road from those who will be most directly affected it is argued the road can be built under practical-

GERMAN AVIATOR ATTACKS STEAMER; 1 OF CREW KILLED

BOMB IS DROPPED FROM OVERHEAD DECLARES CAPTAIN OF ENGLISH CRAFT.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Eng., March 17.—The steamer Bloede arrived here today and reported she had been attacked by a German aviator in a Taube monoplane. The aviator dropped a bomb, killing one of the Bloede's crew.

It is no pleasure for a man to do as he pleases until after he gets married—and then he can't.

Speed Demons Get Away in 300 Mile Auto Race

VENICE, Cal., March 17.—Twenty one speed demons, contesting for honors in the Venice grand prix automobile race, started shortly after 11 on a 300-mile endurance contest.

Durant in a Chevrolet was sent away first. The others followed. Aviator Martin dipped over the spectators as the start was made. Scorers were hurt when the wind blew down a score board.

Leclain in a Chevrolet dropped out at the eighteenth lap because of radiator trouble. Eddie Pullen was forced out at the start by a defective engine. At the 30th lap Rickenbacher was leading. Ruckstall was second, Kiela was third.

Grant in a Stutz went into a ditch in the 25th lap and lost five minutes.

Germanians to Have St. Patrick. SEATTLE, Wash., March 17.—The German flag will be ringed with the flag of Erin tonight in the joint celebration here of St. Patrick's Day. The German-American societies met with representatives of the leading Irish societies recently and decided to participate in the ceremonies honoring Ireland's patron saint. Teutons and Germans will celebrate with proper services during the day and tonight will hold a banquet and ball.

Kansas Farmers Confer. NORTON, Kans., March 17.—More than 500 farmers attended the agricultural conference for northwestern Kansas which opened here today. Speakers were furnished by the agricultural college.

2 More Vessels of England Torpedoed By Undersea Craft

SUBMARINE SENDS ONE TO BOTTOM—OTHER REACHES PORT CRIPPLED.

LONDON, March 17.—The British steamers Atalanta and Fingal have been torpedoed and one of them sunk by a German submarine, the admiralty announced this afternoon.

The first vessel was torpedoed on Sunday but reached port badly damaged. The other went down off Northumberland, six members of the crew drowning.

The remarkable prowess of Germany's new secretly-designed submarine was demonstrated in a striking manner by the torpedoing of these two vessels. The Atalanta was struck off the coast of Inisturk, Galway, indicating the submarines have a cruising radius of 200 miles. The admiralty refused to accept the theory the Germans have a secret base somewhere on the British coast which confirms reports current for some time that new submarines have been equipped for a dash across the Atlantic if ordered to do so.

This latest exploit of the Kaiser's ships, revealing this phase of war on merchantmen, has stirred great interest throughout England. The Atalanta's crew was saved after bringing the damaged ship into port. The Fingal's crew was less fortunate, only 24 being rescued. The dead include the chief mate and the stewardess.

ROUND-UP PICTURE IS ON EXHIBITION AT BIG FAIR

WILL DO GOOD DEAL TO ADVERTISE FRONTIER SHOW AMONG VISITORS.

News was received by the Commercial association this morning from W. E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker Commercial association, and representative of that county at the Panama exposition, that the Round-up picture has been received and is now on display. Mr. Meacham states that "it looks good and will probably attract a good deal of attention since there is nothing like it in the exposition." He states that the picture will do a great deal of effective advertising for the Round-up next year.

In his letter to Secretary Cranston Mr. Meacham states that the grain bins are now finished and the threshing grain is now on display. He states that there will also be an attractive display in the agricultural building of grain from this section of the county.

"Without boasting," Mr. Meacham writes, "I can truly say that eastern Oregon has as good, if not a better, display than any other section of the state." It is expected that Oregon will get a great deal of advertising from the fair, and Mr. Meacham says that eastern Oregon will be in the front.

The exhibits are being completed every day and in a short time everything will be in a good shape for the exhibition, he writes. There is plenty on display at present to keep people occupied, and with the addition of new exhibits things will soon be well filled up.

Mr. Meacham says "that for the money spent Oregon has accomplished more than any other state." There is a sufficient supply of grain at present but there still remains room for all the fruit that can be sent, since it is hard to keep it after shipping so far.

Blessed are the meek, for they are never expected to rise to the occasion.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. British attempt to explain German blockade will be ignored by the United States.

Serbia is preparing to invade Albania. Two more steamers are sunk by German submarine. Foreigners fleeing Mexico City.

Local. The Peoples Warehouse with \$1,000 offer heads Cold Springs road subscription.

Dr. Russell H. Conwell delivers famous lecture for 5102 time here. Evans and Shannon fight fifteen rounds to a draw.

Eastern Oregon exhibit at fair right at the front. Pendleton does homage to St. Patrick.

FOREIGNERS FLEE MEXICO CITY FOR PLACE OF SAFETY

All who are Able are Leaving Mexican Capital for Vera Cruz—Trains are Furnished Them.

PROGRESO CONDITIONS ALARM

Defeat of Insurgents by Carranzistas Adds to Danger, According to Word from Consular Agent Silliman—Carranza Promises to Send Supplies to Mexico City.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—A general exodus of foreigners from Mexico City is in progress.

All who are able to leave are preparing to go to Vera Cruz and large numbers of foreigners are already on the way to the Mexican seaport town.

Both Villa and Carranza have been requested to furnish trains for the transportation of foreigners and not to interrupt the journey from Mexico City.

American Consular Agent Silliman advised the state department that he is greatly alarmed over the conditions at Progreso as a result of the defeat of the insurgents by the Carranzistas. Foreigners he said, were seeking safety in American warships. Both Carranza and Villa have promised to aid foreigners who want to leave Mexico City. Carranza, he said, has promised to forward Red Cross supplies to the Mexican capital.

IMPROVED ROAD NEEDED TO HOLD GRANT CO. TRADE

UKIAH SUPERVISOR URGES GOOD ROAD FROM PENDLETON TO COUNTY LINE.

"Pendleton people should take increased interest in the roads in the southern part of the county and see to it that a good road is provided from Pendleton to the Grant county line. If the present road is not improved Pendleton is going to lose trade from Grant county because Hepner is building a road that will give Grant county people easier access to Hepner than they now have to Pendleton."

This is the declaration of J. T. Huston, road supervisor at Ukiah who has been here today. Mr. Huston believes that a dirt road to Ukiah is sufficient if it is kept improved. He declares that a hard surface road from Pendleton to the Columbia river will aid the southern part of the county through bringing down the freight rate.

It requires long years of practice to enable a man to fall in love and light on his feet.

HARRY THAW DIRECTING HIS CASE FROM TOMBS

STRENUOUS FIGHT TO GAIN HIS FREEDOM IS NOW BEING WAGED.

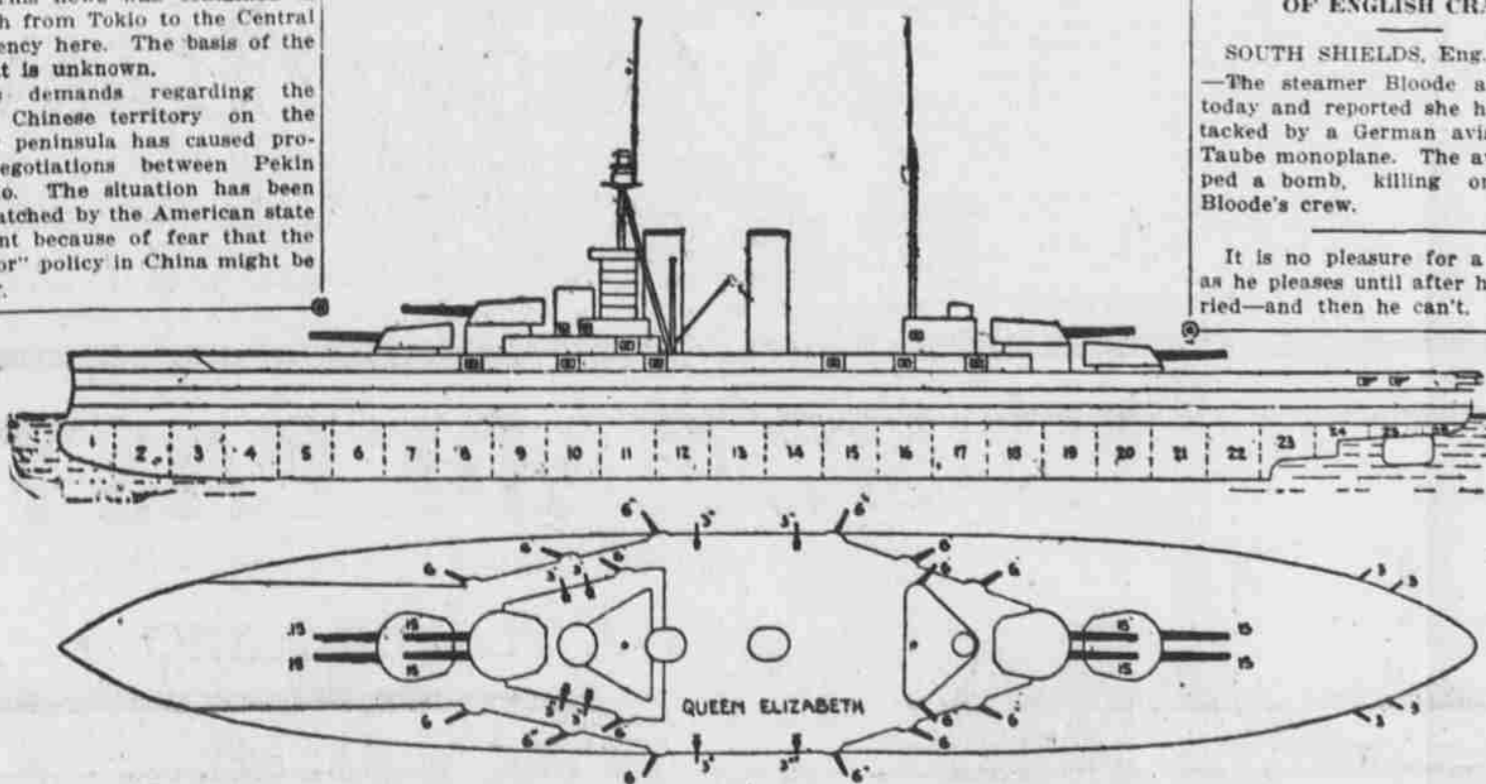
NEW YORK, March 17.—From the Tombs, Harry Thaw is directing personally the next moves to be made in the legal fight to establish his sanity and gain freedom. According to the present plans, Attorney Stanfield will ask Judge Bijour on Friday to postpone the hearing on Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus to permit his counsel to submit supporting affidavits and briefs. If it is granted, the court will be asked to set a date within a month for a trial by jury.

San Francisco's St. Patrick's Day. SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The biggest celebration of St. Patrick's Day San Francisco has ever known is in progress here today.

The Panama Pacific Exposition set aside the day for special ceremonies at the Tower of Jewels, in the fair grounds and these are being participated in by representatives of all the Irish societies in the Bay city.

At the City Auditorium, however, the principal ceremonies will take place. The most eminent speakers of the Irish race whom San Francisco can boast will participate in the program at the Auditorium and this evening a grand St. Patrick's Day ball will close the day.

Plans of Britain's Great Battleship



No greater shock has been administered the Germans in this war than the news of the other day that the Queen Elizabeth, the greatest battleship ever built in Europe, one with eight fifteen-inch guns that shoot more than twelve miles, had arrived at the Dardanelles and was battering the last defenses of the Turkish empire in Europe.

This wonderful ship has stood out of range of the best guns on the Turkish forts on the Dardanelles and yet been able to throw her tons of steel into forts that had been thought impregnable. A week after she began the bombardment, supported by some other forty ships of the British and French navies, she had silenced most of the forts of the Dardanelles, and it was considered only a ques-

tion of time when she would reach the Bosphorus. But long before then it was predicted the sultan and all Turkish officials will have fled to Asia. Thus the opening of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles to Russian commerce will have become one of the greatest feats of history. This great ship—there are five in her class nearing completion, the Warspite, Valiant, Barham and Mal-

aya—is of 27,000 tons displacement. She is 450 feet long with a beam of ninety-four feet, and a draught of twenty-seven and a half feet. Besides her great battery of eight fifteen-inch guns, she carries sixteen six-inch guns, twelve anti-aerial 12-pounders or four-inch guns, four three-pounders and four submerged twenty-one inch torpedo tubes. She cost about \$12,500,000.