



VITAL ISSUES ARE INVOLVED IN NOTE SENT TO JAPANESE

President Wilson Admits Serious Problem is Presented Over Japan's Demands on China.

NO REPLY IS YET RECEIVED

United States, in Effect, Has Asked Tokio Government to Make Statement of Its Purposes and Intentions in China—Wilson Still Working on Reply to Britain.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Vital issues are involved in the recent American note to Japan, said President Wilson to visitors at the White House today. He said that reports from Tokio that the note related to minor matters were incorrect.

So far no reply has been received. It is known that the note, in effect, asked Japan to make a statement of her purposes and intentions in connection with the present negotiations with China. Wilson could not discuss the details of the note, but had no hesitancy in stating that they referred to vital issues. He looks upon it as a serious matter. The note was expressed in friendly terms but was firm.

The president still is working on a reply to the British blockade. He had prepared the text himself after a long conference with Counselor Lansing of the state department. Wilson is proceeding slowly in this work because they are no precedents to govern him. He is hopeful of his ability to finish the answer soon.

The president said the holding up of the German steamer Odenwald at San Juan was in the hands of the war department. Government officials consider that the effort of the ship to leave the harbor without papers has been inexcusable.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Attorney General Gregory admitted that prosecution would follow the attempt of the German steamer Odenwald to escape from the port of San Juan without clearance papers. He said no action would be taken, however, until a report had been received from the district attorney of Porto Rico. Indicating against whom the prosecution should be directed.

It became known here this afternoon that the commander of the American fort at San Juan, Porto Rico, has asked for a war ship to aid him in preventing the German liners Odenwald and President from escaping to sea without clearance papers.

May Try to Escape. It was believed that more German ships may try to escape from American harbors without clearance and possibly with contraband on board, just as the Odenwald tried to do. For this reason the government is proceeding cautiously in the Odenwald case. All interned German ships in American ports are being watched carefully. It is expected the captain of the Odenwald will be cited to appear in court under the new neutrality regulations which make it a crime to attempt to leave port without clearance papers. The same regulations authorize the collector of a port to withhold papers whenever he has doubts of the ship's destination or cargo.

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BLINDED BY HEADLIGHT OF AN APPROACHING TRAIN MAN STEPS OFF BRIDGE; SERIOUSLY HURT

Blinded by the glare of the headlight on an approaching engine, John Kinzie, a transient aged about 40, stepped off the bridge at Umatilla early this morning, fell 35 feet to the ground and sustained serious injuries. That he was not killed is considered by the physicians remarkable. According to his story, he was walking across the railroad bridge in the dark and thought that he had crossed it when the headlight came in view. Blinded by the glare, he stepped deliberately off the bridge, thinking he was walking down the railroad embankment, and was precipitated

ZEPPELIN CELEBRATIONS LATEST THING IN PARIS

PEOPLE MAKE MERRY WHEN NEWS OF GERMAN RAID IS MADE PUBLIC.

PARIS, March 23.—Paris celebrated "Zeppelin Night," until dawn today just as Americans celebrate New Year's eve. When news spread that a Zeppelin had left Solsons for Paris, the people of the city turned out in great crowds that filled the streets. The old time Parisian spirit, suppressed during the war, was revived. The Parisians seized the opportunity for merrymaking. The carnival spirit spread quickly despite a drizzle. At daybreak the throngs were told the Zeppelin had turned back.

Following the second Zeppelin threat in 48 hours, deputies conferred with Premier Viviani to plan a means of combating the attacks. Several officers expressed the fear that if a big Zeppelin, laden with explosives, should be brought to earth in the center of the city, the explosion would result in heavy casualties. For this reason the ordinary means of fighting with aero-guns was opposed.

The French have made substantial progress near Mesnil, it was declared. A violent attack on the French line at Bagatelle had been thrown back elsewhere along the battle front comparative quiet prevailed.

PLEA IS MADE FOR MORE PRODUCTS FROM UMATILLA

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS ARE WANTED FOR THE PANAMA-PACIFIC FAIR.

A plea for more products from Umatilla county for the eastern Oregon exhibits at the Panama-Pacific exposition is contained in a letter received this morning by Secretary Cranston of the Commercial association from W. E. Meacham, who is representing Baker county there.

Mr. Meacham asks for pictures of harvesting operations, for apples, potatoes, onions, grains, grasses and in fact any thing that will give this county a more complete representation.

Secretary Cranston will himself leave for the fair about April 7 to represent this county there and he would like to take some products with him. County Commissioner Cockburn has promised to send some apples from the east end of the county and Mr. Cranston will collect some photographs which will show the scale upon which Umatilla county farms. At present about all that this county has at the fair is one of the gigantic panoramas of the Round-up and a beautiful exhibit of Indian robes and blankets put in by the Pendleton Woolen Mills.

Mr. Meacham writes that he has put the finishing touches to the eastern Oregon exhibits in the Oregon and agricultural buildings and declares they are attracting much attention and many compliments. So many of the buildings are little more than rest rooms, he says, that visitors generally express real delight when they see the exhibits in the Oregon building. The interest taken in the exhibits is so keen, he declares, and so many inquiries result that he feels that Umatilla county cannot afford to be without a creditable display of her products.

VILLA MAKES APOLOGY FOR KILLING M'MANUS

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Representatives of Villa today formally apologized to the United States for the murder by Zapatistas of John McManus, an American. The apologies were presented to the Brazilian minister in Mexico City. News reached Secretary Bryan, in official dispatches from General Pallex, the Villista commander at the Mexican capital.

5 WARSHIPS SUNK BY TURKS DURING BATTLE THURSDAY

Four Others Severely Damaged in Attack on the Dardanelles—British Commander Killed.

FRENCH SHIP SUFFERED OUT

Turkish Gunners Disable Vessels and Force Them to Retire—Commander Phillip More of British Ship Inflexible Reported to Have Been Killed by Shell.

BERLIN, (Wireless via Sayville)—March 23.—An Athens paper asserts that five warships of the allies were sunk and four badly damaged during the fighting at the Dardanelles on Thursday, according to dispatches from the Greek capital. The damaged ships include the French battleships Suffren, the dispatch added. Other advices from Athens state that Commander Phillip More of the Britisher Inflexible was killed by a shell during the same engagement.

Bombard Cities.

LONDON, March 23.—The war office tonight officially announced that German aviators bombarded Lillers, Slomer and Estaires, killing three women and four men, all civilians. Six other civilians were wounded by aerial bombs.

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF PENDLETON PASSES AWAY

D. SIMEON HUTCHINSON, RETIRED FARMER, DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS.

D. Simeon Hutchinson, well known retired farmer of this city, died yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock at St. Anthony's hospital, following a short illness from pneumonia. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Brown chapel and interment will be made in Olney cemetery.

Deceased had not been well for some time but the illness which proved fatal did not develop until a few days ago. He was rooming at a private lodging house and it was not until yesterday morning that physicians were called. It was seen at once that his condition was critical and he was rushed to St. Anthony's hospital, where he expired during the afternoon.

Mr. Hutchinson was 48 years old and was a native of Missouri. He owned a 600 acre farm four miles northwest of Pilot Rock but some time ago rented it to his brother, Ernest Hutchinson, and took up his residence in this city. He is survived by a mother in Nebraska, three sons by a deceased wife, Ralph, Roy and Omar Hutchinson, all of this city, and two younger sons by a second wife, who are with her in the east. He has two brothers here, William H. and Ernest Hutchinson, and an uncle, S. P. Hutchinson.

SEIZURE OF DACIA HELD VALID BY FRENCH BOARD

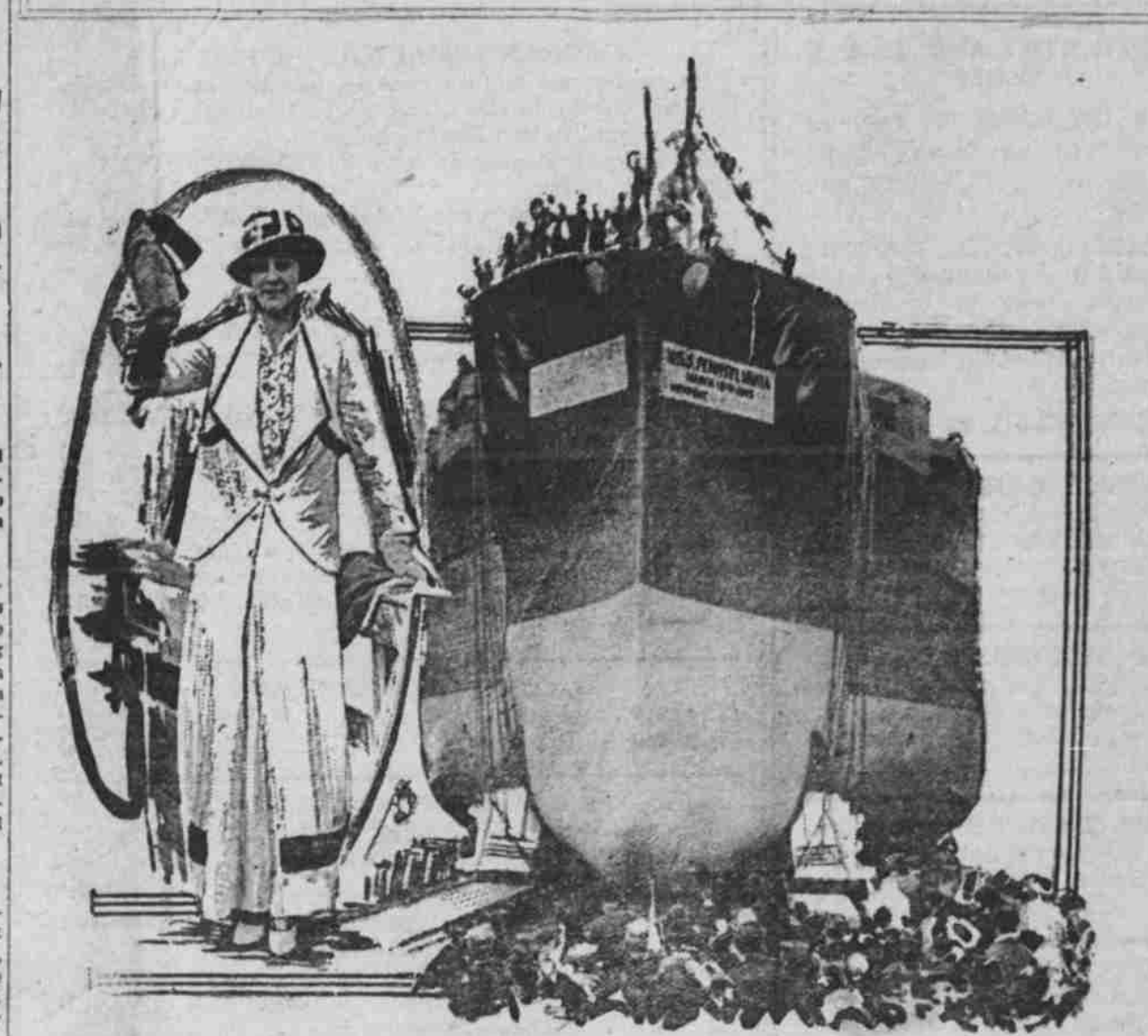
PARIS, March 23.—The seizure of the American steamer Dacia by French warships is valid, according to a decision of the commission which investigated the case. The case will now go to the prize court where the claims of the owners will be heard. The Dacia was loaded at Galveston with cotton for Germany.

A man runs into debt, but he either walks out or stays in.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Mutiny said to have been cause of surrender of Galician stronghold by the Austrians. Vital issues included in note sent Japan regarding affairs in China. Five warships said to have been sunk on Thursday in battle at the Dardanelles. Local. More exhibits at San Francisco fair from this county urged. Local men will attend road meeting at Stanfield this evening. Man steps off bridge at Umatilla and is badly injured. Blue Mountain league formally reorganized; local club to be organized tomorrow eve. Young Rust claims he is supporting wife best he can. D. S. Hutchinson succumbs to pneumonia.

America's Greatest Battleship and Her Sponsor



MISS ELIZABETH KOLB PENNSYLVANIA GOING DOWN THE WAYS.

The 'greatest battleship ever built in the United States, if not in the world, slipped down the ways at Newport News the other day, as Miss Elizabeth Kolb, declared by the governor of Pennsylvania to be the "sweetest girl in the state," smashed a bottle of champagne on her bow. There is a question if the new battleship, and the five more like her under way, are greater than the Queen Elizabeth, now bombarding the Dardanelles, and the five super-dreadnaughts just being completed for the British navy. The Pennsylvania will carry 14-inch guns. The Britisher has 15-inch guns. The latter will shoot farther, but the total tonnage of steel that may be fired from the Queen Elizabeth is less than that of the Pennsylvania. At close quarters the Queen Elizabeth would not do as much damage as American ship, but at a distance the British ship could strike while the American would be miles out of range.

DECLARES HIS WIFE HAS EXTRAVAGANT DISPOSITION

GLENN RUST SAYS HE HAS PROVIDED FOR HER AS HIS MEANS ALLOW.

That he has been caring for his wife as well as his means will permit and will continue to do so was the answer made by Glenn Rust this morning in the circuit court to the citation issued at the instance of his wife, Cordelia Rust, who alleged that her young husband had not been supporting her as he promised following his conviction on a charge of non-support. J. A. Rust, father of the defendant and who gave an undertaking to secure his son's liberty, also filed an affidavit supporting the other.

The younger Rust in his affidavit claims that he has been working and that he receives only \$35 a month and that out of this he has been paying \$37.50 a week for his wife's room and board. He has kept her comfortably clothed, he alleges, but declares that she has been in the habit of frequenting picture shows and dances with other men and going to supper with them and contends that he should not be made to pay for this entertainment. The elder Rust asserts in his affidavit that young Mrs. Rust has been supported as well or better than he supports his own family and he charges that her complaint arises from her husband's refusal to buy her silk stockings and other expensive articles.

STRANGER TRIES TO GET GIRL TO GO WITH HIM

MAKES PROMISE OF JOB AND CHANCE TO SEE PANAMA-PACIFIC FAIR.

Giving more color to the belief of many residents that professional procurers have been operating in Pendleton recently is a story of the advances made by a stranger several days ago to a well known office girl of the city. The man, a very well-groomed individual of pleasing address, entered the office of a local physician, according to the story, at a time when the physician was absent. He inquired for the doctor and upon being told that he was out, declared he would await his return. He began a conversation with the young lady, telling her that he was a representative of a big fur house and was looking for saleswomen, finally offering her a position. He painted to her the pleasures of a life on the road, the emoluments to be secured by a good saleswoman and ended by promising an opportunity to see the exposition at San Francisco. The young lady, however, was suspicious of the stranger and refused to be interested in his proposal.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS WOULD END CONFLICT AT ONCE

AMSTERDAM, March 23.—Stormy scenes in the Reichstag are reported in dispatches from Berlin. During a fiery speech, Herr Scheidemann, a socialist member, urged the government to end the war at once. Herr Labadour, a socialist, had criticized measures taken by the army in Poland and attacked other features of the imperial war policy. These speeches precipitated a heated debate during which government members criticized the socialists for their attitude.

BOY SAYS HE ROBBED MANY PORTLAND HOMES

PORTLAND, March 23.—Victor Heckner, who says his father is a Seattle minister, was brought here from the Salem penitentiary and is being taken in an automobile over the city checking up 80 burglaries he says he committed. Heckner is serving a term of one to seven years from Salem, where he was sent upon a second conviction.

MUTINY THE CAUSE OF SURRENDER OF GALICIA FORTRESS

Austrians Had Reached Point Where Human Endurance Could No Longer Withstand the Siege.

RUSSIANS EXTENDING LINES

Half a Million Men Are Marching Toward Bukovina to Strike Crushing Blow—Gigantic Movement is Afoot in the Carpathians—Slavs Determined to Paralyze Enemy.

PETROGRAD, March 23.—Mutiny was the real cause of the fall of Przemyel. The truth of the last twenty-four hours of terror within the walls of the great fortress became known today. Human endurance had reached a limitation. The starving, sick, cold and miserable victims of the six months' siege at last revolted and turned like hunger-crazed wolves upon their masters. Only when he faced destruction from within did General Kusmanek, the valiant defender of the fortress, succumb to the unrelenting iron ring of his enemies without.

It was late in the afternoon when Kusmanek gave the order for a final dash for liberty. He summoned 20,000 men to prepare for a sortie in a forlorn hope of cutting a way and letting at least a part of his army escape. Then news reached the general that several units of his army finally refused to obey. His threat of execution was disregarded. Finally he surrendered rather than bear the disgrace of a mutiny.

Rushing Toward Bukovina. Inspired by the fall of Przemyel, half a million Russian troops are pushing forward toward Bukovina, determined to strike a crushing blow against the Austrians. War office dispatches declare a gigantic movement is in progress along the line from Dukia Pass to the Rumanian frontier where the Slavs are driving forward through the Carpathians.

Military leaders are anxious to seize the opportunity to crush the enemy before they can recover from the surrender of the great Galician fortress.

Terms of Surrender.

The terms under which Przemyel was surrendered were telegraphed to the war office today but were not made public. It is certain, however, that the remnant of the garrison has been accorded full military honors. Everywhere the Russians found evidence of the gallant effort of the defenders to hold the city. It was disclosed that most of the inner forts had been destroyed by the Austrians before they ran up the white flag. The long siege, however, had exhausted the supplies of ammunition and they lacked enough explosives to wreck all the forts. Russian engineers believe the main damage can be repaired in a few weeks. The government is determined to put Przemyel in a condition to withstand attack at the earliest possible moment. A Russian garrison of 10,000 will be stationed in the fortress.

The accuracy of the Russian gunfire was shown upon an examination of the walls, as only the forts were damaged. The other buildings were practically intact.

Carranza Controls Yucatan.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 23.—Adolfo Carrillo, Mexican consul, announced he had received word that Carranzas under General Alvarado have captured Merida, the capital of Yucatan. According to Carrillo's information, the entire state of Yucatan which had been in rebellion against Carranza, now is in his hands.

UPPER RIVER STEAMER SERVICE STARTS MAR. 25

'Inland Empire' Will Be First Steamer—Regular Service When Cello Canal Opens.

An omen of the open river soon to be contained in posters just received here announcing that beginning Thursday, March 25, the steamer "Inland Empire" will be placed on the run on the upper Columbia and that as soon as the Cello canal is opened for commercial business steamers will be operated direct from Portland to points on the upper Columbia and Snake rivers. The "Inland Empire" will be operated by The Dalles-Columbia line owned by the Williamette & Columbia River Towing Co., which states it has purchased the fleet of the Open River Transportation Co.

BASEBALL FANS WILL MEET TO ORGANIZE LOCAL CLUB

PENDLETON WILL PUT TEAM IN BLUE MOUNTAIN LEAGUE FOR SEASON. Fans and fanettes, attention! There will be a meeting of all lovers of baseball tomorrow evening in the Commercial club rooms for the purpose of organizing a Pendleton club of the Blue Mountain league. The call for the meeting follows the formal organization of the league in Echo last evening. With less than two weeks until the first game of the season, it behooves Pendleton to act quickly. The baseball to be played by the league is to be amateur and thus inexpensive. Very little money will be needed to carry the team through but a great deal of enthusiasm and support is wanted. Every lover of the great national pastime either player or fan is wanted at the meeting which will be called at 8:00 o'clock. Kills Child and Self. SPOKANE, March 23.—Because of jealousy for his wife who divorced him recently, Pete Gehlich, a Servian, forced an entrance to her house and cut the throat of the woman's young son and then his own, both dying in a few minutes. He attempted to shoot the woman, but his cartridges were wet and she escaped.