

LINER LUSITANIA IS SUNK

ITALY IS WARNED OF IMMENSE ARMY READY FOR FIELD

Kaiser Lets it Become Known That He Has Thousands of Men Available in Case of Hostilities.

ITALIANS IGNORE THE THREAT

Preparations Are Being Hastened for War in Spite of German Successes Claimed in East and West Against the Allies—Troops Are Being Rushed to Concentration Camps.

(BY ALICE ROHE.)
ROME, May 7.—Italy will find herself confronted by a great German army should she enter the war on the side of the allies. This is the warning sounded by the Kaiser. With the Germans on the western front making steady gains and the Russians being rapidly driven out of Prussia, the Kaiser, telegraphing Prince Von Rueter, the German ambassador at Rome, has let it become known that he will be in a position to spare thousands of men to oppose the army Italy might put in the field.

Despite the warning Italy continued preparations for war. The service of 40 passenger trains on the main lines has been suspended to facilitate the movement of troops and munitions to concentration camps. A royal decree authorized the suspension of telegraph and telephone service without notice.

Job Hunting in Alaska.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Secretary Lane is still receiving applications for jobs on the Alaska railroad, despite elaborate explanations for many weeks that there are no jobs to be had—that the only government employees are a comparatively few experienced engineers.

SURPLUS WATER OF NEW SYSTEM TO GO TO USERS WITHOUT COST

By a plan inaugurated last evening by the Pendleton water commission, the people of the city are to be permitted to use the surplus water of the gravity system this summer without any additional cost. The revenue derived in 1914 from the system having been ample for the maintenance and operation of the department and for the sinking fund requirements, the commission unanimously decided last evening that, if the same amount of revenue can be secured this year, the people should have the benefit of the entire water supply without extra charge.

The water users are to be given their choice of two different plans as embodied in two separate resolutions, one introduced by Commissioner Strain and the other by Commissioner Best. Mr. Strain's resolution requires the superintendent to establish month by month the available excess of water, this excess to be divided pro rata among the residential users. Thus in the month of May the surplus is established at 25 per cent. If you accept the Strain plan, you sign a contract to pay as much for water this month as you did in May, 1914, and at the same time you will be entitled to use one fourth more water than last year. If you use more than a fourth more, you will be required to pay extra at the rate of 25 cents per thousand gallons.

If you do not wish to sign the contract for your pro rata share of the surplus, you will be permitted by the Best resolution to extra water anyway. The Best resolution raises the maximum amount of water available at the minimum charge from 4000 gallons to 5000 gallons a month. Thus those who do not sign a contract for water in accordance with the Strain resolution will be given 5000 gallons of water for a dollar instead of 4000 as heretofore. In either event, the homeowner who needs

GERMAN RING OF STEEL CLOSES IN ON BRITISH FORCE

BERLIN, May 7.—A German ring of steel is slowly closing in on Ypres. An official statement from the war office announced the Kaiser's troops are now in complete possession of Hill 60 about which bloody fighting has been in progress the past week. The statement declared the British counter attacks in an effort to retake the hill were repulsed with heavy loss.

PARIS, May 7.—The roar of heavy German artillery is now shaking the entire battlefield. The Germans apparently have decided to literally blow the British out of Ypres. Reports from the French, British and Belgian field headquarters bring stories that the Germans are using their heavy guns in enormous numbers at every point.

BOISE HIGH SCHOOL BAND WILL PLAY HERE SATURDAY

At the court house grounds here tomorrow evening a public band concert will be given by the Boise High School Band which will at that time be enroute home to Boise from Moscow, Idaho, where the band provided music during the Idaho state fair field meet.

The following offer to have the band play here during the evening was received by President Tallman of the Commercial Club this afternoon. The Boise High school band in attendance at the Idaho state fair field meet at Moscow will be in your city Saturday at 5 p. m. and will give gratis a concert if arrangements are made for the same either in park or down town that evening. Wire at once if you will arrange.

WARD FRENCH, Moscow, Ida.

After consultation with local business men Mr. Tallman arranged to hold the concert at the court house grounds and wired an acceptance of the offer.

WHEAT CONTINUES TO SEEK LOWER LEVELS

CHICAGO, May 7.—(Special.)—May wheat closed at \$1.53 today; July at \$1.31 and September at \$1.22 5-8.

PORTLAND Ore., May 7.—Portland wheat prices today are: club, \$1.18; bluestem, \$1.22.

Indiana Nine Goes North. BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 6.—The Indiana University baseball nine left today on its annual northern invasion. While on the trip the Hoosiers will meet Wisconsin, Northwestern and Chicago.

LARGE CROWDS VIEW EXHIBITS OF PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL

Large crowds yesterday afternoon and last evening were gathered in the Moose Hall to see the exhibits of the domestic science and manual training departments of the public schools, and no one who went but came away to marvel at the results accomplished by boys and girls through scientific guidance. It is without doubt the finest exhibit of its kind ever shown in eastern Oregon and ranks with any in the northwest.

In the hands of the students there is plenty for both men and women to admire. If the eye of the average man cannot appreciate the numerous evidences of expert needlecraft and if none of the delicacies in the cookery department appeal to him, and this is not possible, there is certainly to delight his eye. That such beautiful and elegant pieces of furniture as are on exhibit were made in our public schools seems almost unbelievable to those whose school days meant "reading and riting and rithmetic." Even the eyes of the expert cabinet worker cannot detect flaws in the pieces turned out by the advanced students of the department and there isn't a home in town but what would be proud to own a great deal of the furniture. On exhibit there is almost everything in the line of furniture that a housewife could ask for from footstools to bedroom sets. There is a handsome polished mahogany dining room set, big four-poster beds of mahogany and other woods, full-length mirrors, all manners and fashions of chairs, beautiful chests, library lamps, dressers, library tables,

Responsibility of Sinking Lusitania to be Repudiated

WARNING GIVEN WILL BE CLAIM OF GERMANY, THINKS WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—That the German government would repudiate the responsibility toward the United States for the Lusitania disaster was the consensus of opinion in official circles. It is believed this expected attitude will be based on the advertisements published by the embassy in New York newspapers on the day the vessel sailed warning Americans against traveling on British ships. This warning, followed by the sinking of the vessel, caused a comment concerning a possible knowledge by the German embassy of what was to happen, but this is wholly unofficial.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—At the state department it was said the Lusitania and the Falaba disasters fell in the same category and undoubtedly would be handled along precisely similar lines, insofar as American official interest in the matter is concerned.

CHINA YIELDS TO PRACTICALLY ALL JAPAN'S DEMANDS

New Note is Submitted to Tokio Which is Expected to Avert Crisis Over Concessions Asked.

SITUATION LOOKS BRIGHTER

Whether Japan Will Accept Latest Proposals is As Yet Unknown—Tokio Government is Determined to Insist Upon Unqualified Acceptance Upon the Part of China.

TOKIO, May 7.—Peace between Japan and China was insured when the Tokio government withdrew from its list of 21 demands made upon Peking the fifth group, which from the start was obnoxious to the Chinese government and threatened to plunge the nations into war. All other concessions sought by Japan are to be granted in effect, it is understood.

LONDON, May 7.—Dispatches received from Peking declare that China has yielded to practically all the demands made by Japan and that only details remain to be worked out. Dispatches declare the action of China will surely prevent war.

PEKIN, May 7.—China has submitted a new note to Japan which is expected to avert a serious crisis in the negotiations growing out of Tokio's demands upon Peking. While the text of the latest communication is not known, officials declare that in effect it concedes, under protest, the chief Japanese demands. The note was handed to Japanese Minister Ekiko Kioki today and forwarded to Tokio. The new reply was declared to have been framed after an all night conference between President Yuan and his diplomatic advisers.

In diplomatic circles it was reported the conference decided it would be suicidal to oppose Japan by force. It is not known whether the latest concessions will satisfy Japan. It is evident the Tokio government is disposed to insist upon the acceptance of all its demands without reservation but the situation is regarded here as being brighter than yesterday.

2 BRITISH SHIPS ARE TORPEDOED BY UNDERSEA VESSEL

LIVERPOOL, May 7.—The liner Candidate, a sister ship of the Centurion, was torpedoed by a German submarine off Waterford, Ireland, yesterday, according to an announcement. A trawler rescued the Candidate's crew of 44.

Crew Is Saved. LONDON, May 7.—The British steamer Centurion, 545 tons, was torpedoed by a submarine. The crew was reported saved.

Trawler Sunk. GRIMSBY, England, May 7.—The trawler Don was sunk in the North sea last night by striking a mine. Two of the crew were saved by a passing trawler. The rest perished.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Liner Lusitania is torpedoed and sunk off Irish coast by a German submarine. China accedes to demands of Japan. Local. Residents of Pendleton to get more water during summer without extra charge. New federal building will be finer than at first planned. May 23 will be observed as "Humane Sunday."

SHERIFF TAYLOR PICKS UP ANOTHER MAN BADLY WANTED

ALLEGED ESCAPED CONVICT FROM WALLA WALLA PEN IS CAUGHT HERE.

Escaped convicts from the Walla Walla penitentiary will probably give Pendleton and Umatilla county a wide berth hereafter after the experience of two of their number within the past two days. Yesterday Sheriff T. D. Taylor turned over John Jordan, a negro convict, to the penitentiary guards, having picked him up at Eastland, and today he apprehended C. E. Ecker alias C. E. Nash, a parole violator from the same institution. At least the sheriff declares he is Ecker, the denial of the man to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sheriff Taylor picked the alleged convict up just before noon in the downtown district. He spotted him some time before and watched him until he was convinced he was the man wanted. The man tried to work a clever ruse when he suspected that he might be watched. Passing one of the ministers of the city and recognizing him by his cloth, he greeted him warily like an old friend. Sheriff Taylor, however, was not to be deceived by this or by the absence of

music and magazine racks and inland checker boards made of several different kinds of wood. The exhibit represents the work of the students in the grade schools, the high school and the night school and these students range in age from 11 to 65. The names of the makers are attached to each bit of furniture. The lumber alone in the furniture cost \$1200 and it is hard to estimate the value of the work. Over in the west end of the hall is the exhibit of the domestic science and arts department. On the walls are hung the accomplishments of the sewing classes. There are dresses of all kinds from common gingham housedresses to ballroom gowns and street suits. Towels hemstitched by little girls in the grades and other carefully done needlework draw forth many "Ohs" and "Ahs" from the women-folk. And last but not least there are a half dozen or more young ladies actually demonstrating what they know of the science of food preparation. Cooking is done with neatness and dispatch before the eyes of the visitors and salads and biscuits or other delicacies are served while they watch. Many practical demonstrations are made from which even the experienced housewife can learn something. Every patron of the school owes it to himself or herself to visit the exhibit which will be maintained both this afternoon and evening. R. E. Chloupek and Clarence Tubbs of the manual training department and Miss Alice Butler and Miss Cecile Boyd of the domestic science department with some of their students will be present to direct and explain.

HUMANE SUNDAY WILL BE OBSERVED MAY 23

REQUEST OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT LOCAL PASTORS DISCUSS SUBJECT.

To have Sunday, May 23, observed as Humane Sunday is the purpose of a movement now underway here and which is meeting with success. The object is to have the pastors of the various local churches deliver sermons upon the subject of the necessity for mercy and kindness in the treatment of God's helpless creatures—suffering little children and abused animals. The effort here is part of the nation-wide propaganda by the American Humane Association and at the request of the Portland chairman Mrs. F. W. Vincent is taking the matter up with the local ministers. Those

BIG CUNARDER IS SENT TO BOTTOM OFF IRISH COAST

MANY AMERICANS ARE ABOARD THE LINER ON THEIR WAY TO ENGLAND

Torpedo Strikes Vessel This Afternoon—Calls for Help Immediately Sent Out—Craft of all Kind Rushing From Queenstown to Aid in Work of Rescue—News of Disaster is Received at Washington by Wilson and Bryan Without Word of Comment—Crowds in New York Gather About Cunard Line Office Awaiting More Details of the Sinking.

LIVERPOOL, May 7.—The giant Cunard liner Lusitania, with a heavy passenger list of American citizens, was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast this afternoon. No loss of life has been reported as yet. Small boats of every description rushed from Queenstown to Old Head of Kinsale, off which the big liner was torpedoed.

An unconfirmed report said the Lusitania had been beached. The first report that the Lusitania was in trouble was picked up by wireless at Lands End. It reported there was a decided list to the steamer and that assistance was urgently wanted. Later Queenstown picked up appeals for aid and the port authorities rushed everything possible to assist the steamer. The Lusitania was torpedoed at 2:33 this afternoon. At the point where the attack took place the liner's course normally was in sight of land.

LONDON, May 7.—Lloyd's confirmed the sinking of the Lusitania this afternoon.

NEW YORK, May 7.—A number of prominent Americans were aboard the Lusitania. This afternoon the offices of the Cunard line were crowded with people attracted by the news. As yet there has been no excitement. It was evident that each bulletin made the situation more serious and there was an air of intense anxiety.

The Lusitania carried 1400 passengers among whom were Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt, Elbert Hubbard and Charles Frohman. Before the steamer sailed many passengers were warned that something was going to happen to the big liner.

LIVERPOOL, May 7.—At 5:40 o'clock this afternoon offices of the Cunard line issued a statement confirming the report that the Lusitania had been sunk.

LIVERPOOL, May 7.—An ominous hint that there was a serious loss of life in the Lusitania disaster came from the Cunard offices tonight. It says: "We have hopes that many were saved." This was interpreted to mean the line knew there was loss of life.

LONDON, May 7.—Shortly before 8 o'clock the Cunard company issued a formal statement announcing the Lusitania was torpedoed without the slightest warning, and sunk within a few minutes. The bulletin said the company was not yet fully informed regarding the welfare of the passengers.

LONDON, May 7.—The German submarine which sank the Lusitania is believed to be the same which yesterday sank two 5000 ton freighters, the Centurion and the Candidate and on Wednesday the sailing ship Earl of Latham. The admiralty has sent a flotilla of fast destroyers to search for the undersea boat.

LIVERPOOL, May 7.—The latest information stated the Lusitania was struck by a torpedo at 2 this afternoon and sank in 33 minutes.

A number of boats were early on the scene and immediately began the work of taking on board the passengers of the Lusitania. It is understood the Lusitania's own boats were used to care for the passengers. On all recent trips the boats were swung overboard and covers removed ready for any emergency and it is possible this precaution proved the salvation of the passengers.

NEW YORK, May 7.—The Cunard line late today made public the following message from Liverpool: Majority of rescue vessels now apparently making for Queenstown.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The state department received a dispatch from

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Secretary Bryan was at luncheon when news of the torpedoing of the Lusitania reached him. He hurried to the state department. At 2:15 o'clock no official information had been received and the department was much upset. Efforts were made to establish communication with consular representatives at the nearest scene of the disaster.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—President Wilson had just finished lunch when Assistant Secretary Foster told him the Lusitania had been sunk. No comment was vouchsafed. Official information is lacking. The navy department notified the White House it had only rescue dispatches.