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# STEAMSHIP TRANSYLVANIA HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM TORPEDO FIRED BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

Liner With Nearly 900 Passengers, Many of Them Americans, Arrives at Glasgow Yesterday.

## ZIG-ZAG COURSE SAVES SHIP

Torpedo Passes 30 Yards to Stern of Vessel—Passengers Tell of Escape After Periscope of Submarine Is Sighted—Ship Carries at Terrible Speed in Escaping.

LONDON, May 18.—The liner Transylvania, carrying nearly 900 passengers, including many Americans, narrowly escaped the fate of the Lusitania in a voyage which ended yesterday at Glasgow. Passengers on the liner arriving here from Glasgow said a German submarine fired a torpedo at the Transylvania Sunday. The torpedo passed 30 yards to the stern of the liner. The passengers believe that if the vessel had not taken a zig-zag course she would have been struck.

Two of the Transylvania's passengers told a vivid story of the appearance of a German submarine. They saw a white streak which launched toward the vessel.

Walter R. Burton, of Kent, who was returning from Arizona on the Transylvania, said: "I was standing with two other passengers on the forward deck at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. One of my companions spied the periscope of a submarine and called our attention to it. An instant later we noticed a flash through the water and saw the white wake of a torpedo. It passed about 40 yards astern. We did not want to alarm other passengers but went word to Captain Black on the bridge. The Transylvania immediately adopted a zig-zag course. She continued rushing about in this manner for several hours, at times careening on one side in an alarming fashion as the roller was thrown over for a sharp dash to port or starboard."

## OLD OREGON TRAIL WILL BE MAPPED FOR AUTOISTS

### UMATILLA COUNTY AUTOMOBILE CLUB PLANS SIGHTSEEING ROUTE.

Through the assistance of the newly organized Umatilla County Automobile Club, local autoists will soon be able to provide themselves with a map showing the old Oregon Trail from Ontario to The Dalles and also all of the side roads in this and other counties. Yesterday afternoon the directors of the association met with H. B. Fleming, who, with a partner, is doing the actual work of making the road map and promised him every aid in making the map through this county authentic.

Mr. Fleming has already enlisted the cooperation of good roads organizations and auto clubs in other counties and will start work at once. The old Oregon trail from Ontario in Malheur county will be traced through Baker, Union, Wallowa, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties to The Dalles in Wasco county. It was at the suggestion of the local association that Mr. Fleming agreed to put in all of the principal side roads in Umatilla county, the association promising to give him the necessary aid. When these guides are completed, several hundred copies specially bound and bearing the name of the local club will be furnished to members of the association.

## RAINFALL UP TO DATE NOW GOES ABOVE THE NORMAL

ALMOST HALF AN INCH FALLS HERE YESTERDAY—TOTAL FALL IS 12.70.

Almost half an inch of rain fell here yesterday afternoon and last night. To be exact the precipitation was .48 inches and the heavy shower brings the total rainfall for the season up to 12.70 inches which is above the normal, the normal rainfall from Sept. 1 to May 13 being 11.52 inches.

Texas Bankers Convention, WACO, Tex., May 18.—State bankers met here today in annual convention. Among the speakers listed were W. P. G. Harding of the federal reserve board; E. B. Clair-Avery of the Merchants Laclede National Bank of St. Louis and George Woodruff of the First National Bank of Joliet, Ill.

## Today is Peace Day and Local Schools Holding Exercises

### TEACHERS TELL PUPILS OF THE PLAN FOR UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT.

Today is "Peace Day" and is being observed by the schools of the city. At the suggestion of a committee from the International Peace Congress, that all schools of the nation hold some kind of exercises to impress upon the pupils the advantages of peace, Supt. J. S. Landers requested all teachers to hold short assemblies and talk to the pupils upon the value of peace as compared to war, the realities of which are made so apparent by the great European conflict. On account of the preparation for examinations, the exercises were necessarily brief.

The policy of universal disarmament was discussed by the teachers and the pupils were told that the best way to secure peace is to prepare for peace instead of preparing for war.

Supt. Young of the county did not adopt the suggestion for carrying out the "Peace Day" observance in the schools over the county for the reason that all of the large schools except Pendleton and Weston have already closed.

## FIRE AT ECHO DESTROYS DWELLING AND FURNITURE

### EARLY MORNING BLAZE CONTROLLED AFTER HARD FIGHT BY FIREMEN.

(Special Correspondence.) ECHO, Ore., May 18.—Fire at 2 o'clock this morning gutted the two story dwelling at Kennedy and Du Pont streets, totally destroying the contents and leaving only the charred walls standing. Owing to a high wind the firemen had a difficult time in controlling the blaze but managed to confine it to the one house.

The dwelling was owned by Clay Branstetter who formerly managed the Golden Rule hotel of Pendleton. It was occupied by Mrs. E. Snyder and family. All the household goods of Mrs. Snyder together with some goods belonging to Mr. Branstetter which were stored in an upper room, were destroyed.

The loss to the dwelling will be about \$2500 while the household goods were valued at \$1200.

The fire is believed to have been caused by defective wiring.

Sir John Fisher May Resign. LONDON, May 18.—The resignation of Admiral Sir John Fisher, head of the British navy, is "probable" as a result of a break with Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, according to the Daily Telegraph.

## ULTIMATUM BEING DRAFTED BY ITALY TO GO TO AUSTRIA

Rumored That But Few Hours Will be Given Emperor Josef to Comply With Concessions Asked.

### WAR REGARDED AS CERTAIN

Question is Now Merely a Matter of Time—Italy is Ready to Strike—Demonstrations Against Government Cease as People Are Confident That Hostilities Will Come.

LONDON, May 18.—The military authorities at Rome are commencing all private automobiles in the Italian capital as one of the preparatory measures for Italy's entrance into the war, according to a dispatch received here.

ROME, May 18.—With Premier Salandra in conference with the cabinet today it was rumored the ministry is drafting an ultimatum to Austria. That the king ultimately will declare war on Austria, the public no longer doubted. It is merely a question of time. All Italy is ready to strike. The country is only waiting word from the conference of ministers, who are expected to reach a definite decision.

It is reported that the announcement of a decisive step may be delayed until parliament convenes on Thursday, but the demonstrations against the government, for its inaction have now completely ceased so complete is the confidence that Italy soon will be at grips with the forces of Emperor Franz Josef. According to reports of the ultimatum which is rumored to be in the course of preparation, Austria will be given but a few hours in which to yield to the demands for the territorial concessions made by the Rome government.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Italian ambassador conferred with Secretary Bryan today presumably regarding Italy in Austria and Germany should Italy enter the war.

ROME, May 18.—It is reported that Ambassador Von Buelow of Germany is preparing to leave Italy. He is said to be convinced that Italy is about to break with his government.

### Outbreak at Trieste.

VENICE, May 18.—Hundreds of persons have been killed and wounded in a new insurrection in Trieste, according to fugitives. Two powder magazines were blown up by the insurrectionists who attempted to burn the palace and the government buildings. The commandant of Trieste is reported to have threatened to have the Austrian fleet bombard the town unless the insurrection is quelled.

### No Report of Outbreak.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—At the Austrian embassy no official report had been received of outbreaks in Trieste. Officials expressed the hope that war with Italy might yet be avoided.

## Liberty Bell Will Stop in Pendleton on Way to the Fair

FAMOUS RELIC OF REVOLUTIONARY DAYS WILL BE HERE ON JULY 12.

The Liberty Bell will arrive in Pendleton at 4:20 p. m. Monday, July 12 and will remain here for 10 minutes according to special information received last evening by the East Oregonian through the United Press. The Liberty Bell is traveling by special train and since a stop is to be made at Spokane it is the presumption that a transfer to the Washington division will be made here.

The bell is to be exhibited at western Washington cities and proceed to San Francisco through Portland, July 15.

## JOINT MEETING TONIGHT TO BOOST GOOD ROADS DAY

ALL INTERESTED IN IMPROVING HIGHWAYS INVITED TO BE PRESENT.

To complete the plans for observing "Good Roads Day" on Thursday of this week, there will be a joint meeting tonight in the Commercial association rooms of the Commercial association, the Umatilla County Good Roads Association and the Umatilla County Automobile Club. Everyone interested in the cause of improved highways is invited to be present.

The three organizations have laid plans for doing a great deal of road work by volunteer labor on Thursday. A committee consisting of Dr. F. W. Vincent, Julius Guderian, J. F. Robinson, J. W. McCormack, Dr. M. S. Kern, Roy W. Rittner, Barney Anderson, D. H. Nelson and Dr. W. D. McNary, is in charge of the arrangements and they have decided to concentrate the forces as much as possible on the Pilot Rock road, the Bingham Springs and Thorn Hollow road, the Meacham road, the agency and McKay road, the Fulton station road, the Western Mountain road and the Echo road.

An appeal is made to everyone farmers, merchants, professional men, clerks and laborers to turn out with pick and shovel or with only their bare hands to aid in accomplishing some material results on Thursday.

There is something wrong with the small boy who isn't looking for something to eat within thirty seconds after he arrives home from school.

### WHEAT DROPS FEW CENTS AT CHICAGO TODAY

CHICAGO, May 18.—(Special)—Wheat prices were down a few cents today. At the close May quotations stood at \$1.53 3-4; July \$1.26 3-4; Sept. \$1.21.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—(Special)—Portland wheat quotations today are as follows: club, \$1.11; bluestem, \$1.16.

## PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS GOODBYE TO FLEE AT NEW YORK

Grim War-Monsters Pass in Review Before the Chief Executive of the Nation—Throngs Line Banks Along Hudson River to Watch Parade.



PRESIDENT WILSON WHO REVIEWED FLEET.

NEW YORK, May 18.—President Wilson said goodbye to the Atlantic fleet today. The departure of the warships was the most spectacular event of the entire review. The president reviewed the fighters from the deck of the Mayflower which was anchored adjacent to the Statue of Liberty.

Steaming at 10 knots an hour, each ship fired the presidential salute of 21 guns as it came abreast of the Mayflower. The Mayflower, with the president aboard, put out to sea at 2 this afternoon en route to Washington. Great crowds witnessed the review from the shore.

## GERMANS ARE DRIVEN ACROSS YSER AFTER DESPERATE FIGHTING

PARIS, May 18.—Two thousand Germans were slaughtered by shell fire from French guns when they made their last stand on the west bank of the Yser. Official dispatches tell of the most desperate fighting over the ground held by the Germans during the past month. The allied artillery demolished several bridges over the Yser over which the Germans were endeavoring to withdraw. The remaining bridges are jammed with the retreating forces of the enemy. Some detachments endeavored to carry away their wounded officers when they were caught under the French fire.

A special report declared the bodies of 2000 Germans were counted after the French advanced and established new positions.

During last night the Germans made several attempts to again cross the canal by surprise attacks, but from sunset to sunrise the French kept the district illuminated by "white light" bombs. As the enemy approached they were clearly visible and their ranks were literally sprayed with French shrapnel fire.

### Price of Flour Declines.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—Due to a falling off of the oriental demand, patent grades of flour declined 20 cents to \$6.40 today.

## NEWS SUMMARY

General. President reviews great Atlantic fleet in Hudson river. Italy is preparing an ultimatum to be sent Austria.

Local. Liberty Bell to be shown here July 12. Final plans for good roads day to be made this evening. Auto Club to assist in preparing road map of eastern Oregon. Schools of city observe today as "Peace Day." Pilot Rock wool sale date postponed. War may disrupt grain bag contracts.

## ITALIAN QUESTION OVERSHADOWS NOTE OF UNITED STATES

Reply May Not be Made by Germany This Week Owing to Possibility of Italy Entering War.

### NOT EVEN DRAFT IS MADE

Entire Matter is in Hands of German Chancellor—Kaiser Will Go Over Reply Carefully Before It is Sent to Washington—Fall May Come in Submarine Warfare.

BERLIN, May 18.—There is a possibility that Germany may not reply to the American submarine war protest this week. It was admitted that the Italian situation has served to focus official and popular attention to such a degree that the American note has become a secondary consideration. At the foreign office it was stated the entire matter of the American negotiations is now in the hands of Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg. His draft of the reply to Wilson's note probably will be gone over carefully by the kaiser.

So far as can be learned, not even a tentative draft of the reply has yet been framed. The only official word today was that the government's attitude and the general nature of its reply to America had not been determined. Until the reply to Washington's protest is drafted and forwarded the general opinion is there will be a lull in submarine activities so that nothing can occur which might complicate the situation. That the government is preparing to handle the case with extreme care is evidenced by the attitude of the press. While unofficial versions of the American note has been commented on, the papers are singularly silent since the official text has been received.

## PILOT ROCK WOOL SALES POSTPONED TO JUNE 10; OTHER DATES ANNOUNCED

### DELAY IN SHEARING ON ACCOUNT OF WEATHER NECESSITATES CHANGES.

Owing to the fact shearing has been delayed on account of the weather the Pilot Rock wool sales day originally set for May 24 has been postponed until June 10, the day first given to Condon and the Condon sale has been postponed until June 21.

Whether other sales will be affected by the late shearing is not fully known as yet. The Echo wool is said to be all shorn and if so the sale set for May 25 may occur as scheduled. Counting that no changes will be made in any of the sales other than at Pilot Rock and Condon the schedule for Oregon and Idaho is as follows:

Mountain Home, May 18; Ontario, May 21; Midvale, May 25; Echo, May 25; Pilot Rock, June 10; Pendleton, May 27; Caldwell, May 27; Baker, May 28; Mountain Home, June 1; Riverside, June 1; Joseph, June 4; Enterprise, June 5; Heppner, June 5; Midvale, June 5; Ontario, June 5; Condon, June 22; Caldwell, June 10; Shaniko, June 12; Maupin, June 14; Metolius-Madras, June 15; Mountain Home, June 15; Bend, June 16; Midvale, June 22; Ontario, June 23; Caldwell, June 24; Mountain Home, June 29.

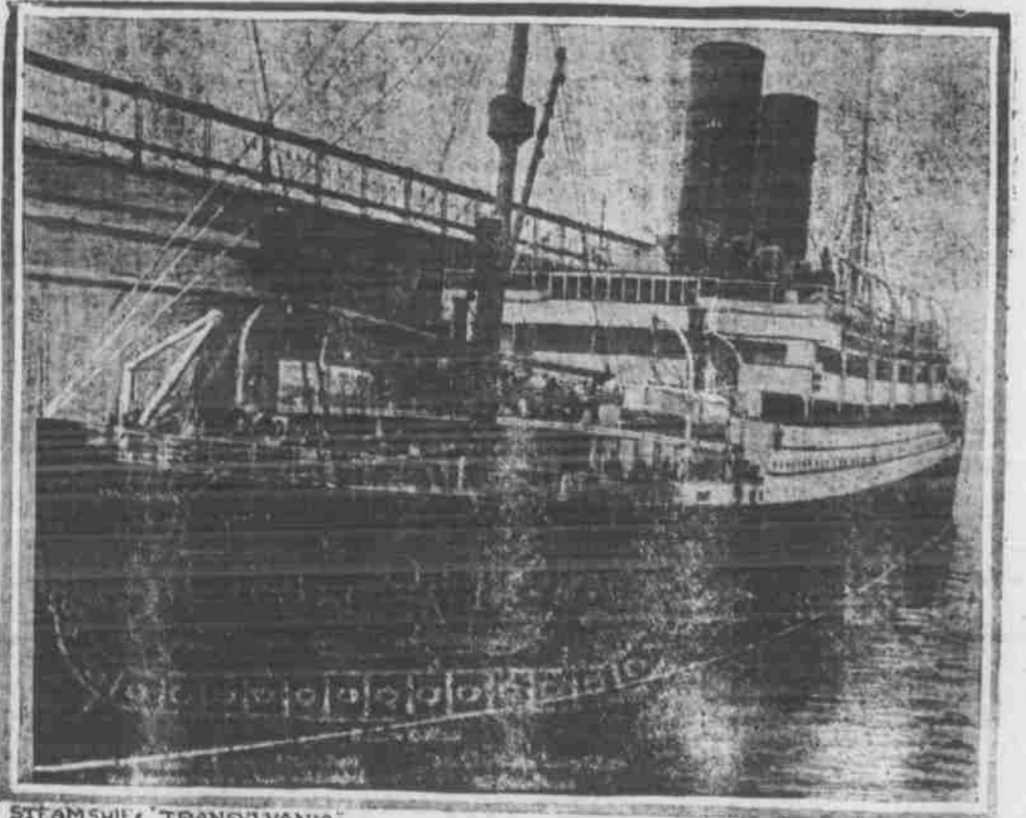
## WILL WAR INTERFERE WITH CONTRACTS FOR GRAIN BAGS THIS YEAR?

There are reports current over the northwest that farmers who have contracted for grain bags will not be able to get them owing to the disruption of shipping by the war.

The greater portion of local farmers contracted for their sacks at prices from six to six and a half cents. Present prices range from seven and a half to eight cents. Whether or not delivery will be made is not yet definitely known. The contracts carry a war clause and hence the companies cannot be held to the agreement if unable to secure sacks because of war troubles.

However, one local grain representative believes his company will deliver sacks according to contract and orders for sacks are still being taken. If the sacks can be delivered at all they will have to be sold at contract prices.

## Narrowly Escapes Fate of the Lusitania



After an exciting run before a German submarine, the Transylvania arrived safely at Glasgow yesterday. A torpedo was fired at the liner but a zig-zag course took the vessel out of danger.