

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP STRIKES MINE AND IS TORPEDOED

TERMINAL WILL BE UNDER WAY JUNE 1 SAYS J. P. O'BRIEN

Vice-President and General Manager of O-W. R. and N. Says Work Will Commence at That Date.

\$160,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION

Contract for Work Not Yet Let—Many Yards of Pile Necessary—Plans for Yards Call for 10 Storage Tracks, Roundhouse, Turntable, Machine Shop.

Work upon the terminal yards at Pilot Rock Junction will commence about June 1, according to a telegram received last evening by Local Agent T. F. O'Brien from his brother, J. P. O'Brien, vice president and general manager of the O-W. R. & N. The construction work will entail an expenditure of \$160,000 and a large part of this money will be turned loose in local channels of circulation.

The contract for the terminal work has not yet been let but will be soon. P. J. Eschbach of the Eschbach-Bruce Co., which will build the Coe dam, is in the city now and yesterday, in company with Mr. O'Brien, went over the ground in order to prepare himself better to bid upon the work. It is anticipated that Twoby Bros. will also enter a bid.

The contract among other things will require about 130,000 yards of fill. This part of the work will, of course, be done first. The plans for the yards call for ten storage tracks, each with a capacity of 80 cars, a roundhouse of ten stalls, a turntable, machine shops, a rip track, oil tanks, water tanks and other accessories necessary for a thoroughly modern terminal yard.

Will Mean More Residents.

After the freight terminal has been established here and O-W. R. & N. trains start running over the Coyote Echo cutoff the main line freight runs now terminating at Umatilla will all end here. This will mean that many of the railroad men now having headquarters at Umatilla will come here to live.

Day and night crews will be maintained at the freight terminal and a telegraph office will be established at the junction. How many members of the freight crews will live here is not known. The dispatchers will still have headquarters at The Dalles and La Grande with the result most of the men will live in those places. However from 12 to 20 freight crews of six men each will end their runs here and have this as a layover point. This will mean considerable business to the city in itself.

Von Buelow to Berlin.

BERLIN, May 26.—Prince Von Buelow, German ambassador to Italy, arrived at Berlin, via Switzerland today. He is expected to confer with Foreign Minister Von Jagow and Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweg during the day.

Growers Don't Like Prices Offered for Wool; Bids Rejected

SMITH AND SLUSHER CLIPS WITHDRAWN FROM SALE HERE TODAY.

Is there a conspiracy on the part of wool buyers to bear the price of wool below market figures in eastern Oregon? There are Umatilla county growers firm in this belief today and they base their belief upon the small number of buyers now in the field and the low prices offered here today and at Echo yesterday.

Like the Echo sale yesterday the sale scheduled for Pendleton today was postponed because of the refusal of growers to take the prices offered.

Rancher's Body Found.

TACOMA, Wash., May 26.—The body of E. H. Hoechetter, a rancher of Anacortes, who escaped from the western state hospital three weeks ago, was found floating in the Narrows here. The body had been in the water about two weeks.

Liner is Rammed by Freighter; all Taken off Safely

FLEET OF AMERICAN WAR VESSELS STANDING BY DISABLED SHIP.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The battleship South Carolina with 75 passengers and 151 of the crew of the Ryndam, will arrive at the entrance of the harbor at eight o'clock tonight.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam was rammed by the freighter Joseph J. Cuneo off Nantucket in a thick fog early today. It is believed the Ryndam is in a sinking condition. Seventy-eight passengers and 150 of the crew were transferred to the Cuneo.

The American Atlantic squadron, in response to wireless calls, is standing by prepared to take off the remainder of the crew if necessary.

The Ryndam was moving slowly toward port this afternoon conveyed by warships of the Atlantic fleet. Captain von Donheubel and 40 sailors remained aboard. Indications are the Ryndam is in a serious condition.

SCHOOL DISTRICT LOSES OUT IN SUPREME COURT

DECISION REVERSES OPINION OF LOCAL COURT IN STEEL CO. SUIT.

Instead of winning out before the supreme court in the suit brought by the Northwest Steel Company the Pendleton school district was the loser by the decision given yesterday by the supreme court. A complete text of the opinion was received here this morning by City Attorney Carter and it shows the decision of Judge Harris was reversed.

The one point of vital importance involved in the suit was the question whether the steel company had a right of action against the board because of the failure of the board to exact a bond to protect those supplying material for use in the school building. It is recited by the court that three decisions have been given by other courts upon this subject. A Michigan case was decided in accordance with Judge Harris' ruling made in the local case. In Minnesota and Kansas decisions of directly opposite tenor were given. The Oregon supreme court takes this view and holds that the school district is liable. Therefore the decision is reversed and the case remanded for another trial.

In the opinion given yesterday Justices Harris and Bean did not participate.

The case will now go back to the circuit court for trial unless settled out of court.

AMERICAN CASES WILL BE HEARD IN PRIZE COURT

TRIALS ARE SET FOR JUNE 10 AT LONDON, CABLES AMBASSADOR PAGE.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The cases involving American cargoes of meat detained at British Ports are to be tried in a prize court June 7th, Ambassador Page informed the state department. It is the detention of these cargoes that has caused the administration the greatest concern the past week and which threatened to cause another note of protest to be sent to England.

Allies Defeat Turks.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 26.—Three thousand Turks were killed in a fierce engagement in connection with the Dardanelles operations, it was officially announced here. The allied troops made important gains as a result of the fighting, taking several Turkish trenches.

MAY WHEAT TAKES BIG DROP AT CHICAGO TODAY

- CHICAGO, May 26.—(Special) A drop of five and a half cents in May wheat featured the wheat market here today.
- A small decline also occurred in July and Sept. quotations. At the close the following prices were reported: May \$1.50 1-4 bid; July \$1.26 5-8 bid; Sept. \$1.20 1-3 bid.
- PORTLAND, Ore., May 26.—(Special)—Portland wheat prices today have been: club \$1.10; bluestem \$1.15.

ITALIANS OCCUPY IMPORTANT POINTS TAKEN BY BAYONET

Valleferno Pass on the Carnia Frontier is Captured—Two Offensive Movements Going Forward.

HEAVY FIGHTING IS EXPECTED

One Army is Marching on Trieste and the Other Toward the Carnia Alps—Several Additional Villages in Isonzo Are Taken—Italians Meet Slight Opposition.

ROME, May 26.—Italian troops are pressing their advance against the Austrians along a front of more than 300 of the 488 mile border. At a score of points they have occupied passes and mountain peaks commanding a wide expanse of territory and have seized villages four miles inside the frontier. Reinforcements are now being rushed forward to hold the positions taken. At all points the Austrians were declared to be retiring further inside the frontier.

Aerial scouts reported the Austrians are taking up positions in previously prepared entrenchments and other defenses. Except in Valleferno Pass, where the Italian forces resorted to the use of the bayonet, the Austrians were declared to have resisted only by long range artillery fire.

ROME, May 26.—Italian armies have occupied the high defiles along the Brenta river in the valley of Austria Tyrol and have captured Valleferno Pass on the Carnia frontier, an official statement announced.

The Austrian positions were carried at the point of the bayonet. "On the Friuli frontier our offensive continues. The enemy everywhere is retiring." The statement asserted. Two offensive movements are now in progress. One is toward the Carnia Alps and the other directed toward Trieste. Both are expected to develop heavy fighting.

Several additional Isonzo villages have been captured by the forces directing the offensive in the direction of Trieste, it was announced. The army moving northward through Verona is meeting with no opposition. Montebaldo, a high peak between the Adige river and Lake Digiardi, has been captured. In addition, Forcella, Ponte Caffaro and Tonale Pass have been seized together with Monte Corva, Monte Poppiano, Monte Boffalora and other passes and defiles east of the Adige valley.

The taking of Valleferno Pass at the point of the bayonet is the first serious clash to be reported in connection with the land operations.

AMSTERDAM, May 26.—An Italian aeroplane was shot down by Austrian guns near Goritz and two staff officers, acting as observers, were killed, according to Berlin dispatches.

ATHENS, May 26.—The captain of the Greek steamer Adriatic, arriving here, brought a detailed story of the naval engagement in the Adriatic sea between the Austrian and Italian fleets which clashed Monday following a raid on the Italian coast. One Italian warship was so badly damaged it was forced to drop out of the running fight which was being waged with the Austrians, the captain said. The Austrian ships fled toward Pola.

FORMER LIEUTENANT OF N. Y. POLICE DIES IN JULY

WEEK OF THE 12TH IS SET BY COURT OF APPEALS—LAST HOPE IS GONE.

ALBANY, May 26.—Charles F. Becker, former lieutenant of the New York police, must die in the electric chair at Sing Sing during the week of July 12th, for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. This time was set by the court of appeals which denied Becker's appeal for a new trial yesterday.

Burke Offers to Tell All.

NEW YORK, May 26.—John Burke, former manager of the Panama canal zone commissary accused of receiving bribes, offered to tell all in regard to the alleged frauds in the Panama canal contracts. He is said to have been promised immunity. Burke made the offer in connection with the trial of Jacob L. Solas, accused of bribery.

Balfour Becomes Lord of Admiralty



TOP—ADMIRAL SIR JOHN FISHER. CENTER—BONAR LAW. BOTTOM—A. J. BALFOUR.

Kitchener Remains in the British Cabinet and Asquith is Still Premier—Lloyd George is Minister of Munitions, a New Post

LONDON, May 26.—Lord Kitchener retains the post of secretary of war in the new coalition cabinet, which has received the approval of King George. The new First Lord of the Admiralty will be Arthur J. Balfour. Winston Spencer Churchill, ex-head of the admiralty, takes the portfolio of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Herbert H. Asquith retains the premiership and Sir Edward Grey the ministry of foreign affairs. David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer in the old cabinet, will be minister of munitions in the new one.

Full Cabinet Announced.

The constitution of the new cabinet follows:

- Prime minister and first lord of the treasury, Mr. Asquith.
- Minister, without portfolio, Lord Lansdowne.
- Lord high chancellor, Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster.
- Lord president of the council, Lord Crewe.
- Lord privy seal, Lord Curzon of Kedleston.
- Chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna.
- Secretary of state for home affairs, Sir John A. Simon.
- Secretary of state for foreign affairs, Sir Edward Grey.
- Secretary for the colonies, Andrew Bonar Law.
- Secretary for India, J. Austen Chamberlain.
- Secretary of state for war, Lord Kitchener.
- Lloyd George to provide munitions. Minister of Munitions, David Lloyd George.
- First Lord of the Admiralty, Arthur J. Balfour.
- President of the board of trade, Walter Runciman.
- President of the local government board, Walter Hume Long.
- Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Winston Spencer Churchill.
- Chief secretary for Ireland, Thomas McKinnon Wood.
- Secretary of the board of agriculture, Lord Selborne.
- First commissioner of works, Lewis Harcourt.
- President of the board of education, Arthur Henderson.
- Attorney general, Sir Edward Carson.

FRENCH RAID GERMAN BASE AND DESTROY FUEL DEPOT; AERIAL STATION IS WRECKED

PARIS, May 26.—In a great raid over the German lines, French airmen destroyed the German aerial station at St. Quentin and wrecked the fuel depot there. It was officially stated. Bombs were dropped at various German positions, doing great damage to the railway and supply depots at concentration points.

Fighting to the north of Aahax, where the French are continuing their offensive movement, is becoming more desperate daily, the Germans delivering vigorous counter attacks, the official statement declared, but all the French gains in the Lorette Hills and northwest of Angres are being maintained. Fighting in the region of Neuve Chapelle is resulting in heavy losses to the enemy.

NEBRASKAN BADLY DAMAGED BUT ABLE TO LIMP TO PORT

Admiralty Report at London Declares Vessel Was Torpedoed—Captain Not Sure Whether Mine or Torpedo Explodes Under His Ship—Crew Takes to Small Boats and no Lives Lost—Disaster Takes Place off Fastnet.

LONDON, May 26.—The American steamer Nebraska has been torpedoed, it was announced here today.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The state department received an official report today from Consul General Skinner in London, stating the American steamer Nebraska has been torpedoed, according to an admiralty announcement.

"The admiralty reports the American steamer Nebraska, bound from Liverpool for the Delaware breakwater, has been torpedoed 40 miles south by west of Fastnet," Skinner's message stated. "The crew is in small boats, standing by. The weather is fine."

KINSALE, May 26.—The Nebraska passed here eastbound today. Her bow was down and she was flying the signal "Controllable."

The Nebraska reported by wireless that she was not seriously damaged. The forehold is partly filled with water, but no one has been injured, her radio message stated.

NEW YORK, May 26.—American-Hawaiian Steamship Company officials received a message from Captain Green of the steamer Nebraska, saying his ship had struck a mine or had been torpedoed.

The Nebraska is proceeding unaided to Liverpool, Green reported.

Green said the Nebraska was 48 miles off Fastnet when an explosion which damaged the vessel occurred. The message stated there was water in the hold but he had a ballast cargo. Officials are inclined to believe the Nebraska struck a mine.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—All dispatches are so positive in asserting the Nebraska was torpedoed it was the general opinion that the theory the vessel struck a mine would not hold.

QUEENSTOWN, May 26.—The Nebraska passed here this afternoon, bound for Liverpool, making only eight miles an hour. At this rate it will reach Liverpool tomorrow night.

LONDON, May 26.—The American steamer Nebraska was torpedoed, a report to the admiralty stated, and is slowly making its way back to port. The Nebraska was badly damaged by an explosion 40 miles off Fastnet. The crew took to small boats. There was no loss of life. This afternoon an armed trawler sent a wireless it was conveying the Nebraska back to port.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—With negotiations as a result of Wilson's protest still pending, the administration was distinctly shocked by the report of the British admiralty that the American steamer Nebraska had been torpedoed. Not only does it suggest

that Germany has not ceased submarine activities pending a formal reply to the American protest, but the report caused special comment because the Nebraska flew the American flag and was homeward bound, so there could be no suspicion she was carrying contraband.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan received the news with obvious concern. Consul General Skinner cabled an official message of the report made by the British admiralty, but said he had received no word direct from Fastnet, near the scene of the explosion which damaged the Nebraska.

There was a noticeable relief in official circles when word came there were no casualties. Until complete reports have been received no further representations will be made to Germany, but Ambassador Page and Consul Skinner were ordered to cable all information available. The fact they were ordered to cable further reports instead of using the mails is taken to indicate no time will be lost in demanding a disavowal and reparation from Germany should the admiralty's information prove to be correct.

NEWS SUMMARY

- General.** American steamship Nebraska is torpedoed. Italians hold many positions across Austrian frontier. Furious attacks directed against Przemysl.
- Local.** Wool bids are rejected here. Work on terminal will start June 1. School district loses in supreme court. Mrs. Mousou Dies Here.
- Belgian Notes Barred.** LONDON, May 26.—An official proclamation announced prohibits the entry into Great Britain of Belgian bank notes.
- King's Condition Critical.** ATHENS, May 26.—King Constantine of Greece suffered a sudden sinking spell. His condition is extremely critical.
- Von Mackenzen Crosses San River; Furious Attacks are Directed Against Przemysl**

BERLIN, May 26.—General Von Mackenzen's forces have crossed the San river at Radymno, six miles north of Przemysl, after capturing the town of Swiete, it was officially announced.

PETROGRAD, May 26.—Furious attacks are again being made upon Przemysl by the Austro-German forces in Galicia, the war office admitted. General Von Mackenzen is said to be personally conducting the new assaults which apparently are of great force. The offensive in the region of the fortress was resumed late Monday.