

NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN UNTIL FULL DETAILS RECEIVED

United States Will Await Report of Ambassador Page and His Assistants in Nebraskan Aftair.

SECRET INQUIRY IS STARTED

If It Is Proven That Steamship Was Torpedoed, a Serious Situation Will be Confronted—If This Is Not Determined, the Case Will Be Dropped, It Is Said.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Secretary Bryan stated there would be no further developments in the Nebraskan case until complete reports from Ambassador Page and his assistants had been received. If it should be proved the Nebraskan was torpedoed, it was admitted a serious situation would be confronted. If this is not determined and Germany denies responsibility of the explosion, it was said the case will be dropped.

BERLIN, May 28.—A message from Ambassador von Bernstorff urging an early reply to President Wilson's note was received by the foreign office.

"The tension in America has been increased by the explosion which damaged the Nebraskan," the ambassador stated.

The Nebraskan incident still is an unexplained mystery here.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—The naval attaché of the American embassy at London, began a secret inquiry today in an effort to determine the source of the explosion which damaged the Nebraskan. Captain Green and officers of the vessel which arrived at midnight were quizzed and the details of their stories forwarded to Ambassador Page. Green frankly admitted he was not positive whether the Nebraskan was torpedoed or struck a mine.

"The best I can say is something struck us, and it is my belief it was a torpedo," he said.

Green said his chief engineer reported seeing something resembling the wake of a torpedo on the starboard side of the vessel just before the explosion, but was not certain. It was on the engineer's statement that Green based his belief the Nebraskan was torpedoed.

Rain and Cold in Illinois.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 28.—Rain 6.24 inches of it, in the last 48 hours, was followed by abnormal coldness.

Importance of Waterways to Inland Empire is Told by Wallace R. Struble Here

In a rapid-fire address of an hour and a half at the Alta theater last night, Wallace R. Struble, secretary of the Columbia and Snake River Waterways association and publicity manager of the Astoria Development league, gave a most instructive outline of the present prospective development of the Columbia basin from the inland Empire to Astoria by the sea.

The address was illustrated by moving pictures and stereopticon slides and proved a veritable revelation to the large audience. The important branches of production, including agriculture, horticulture, livestock, timber and fisheries, were set forth—the whole providing the most remarkable exhibit of the natural wealth of the valley of the Columbia. Supplementing the moving picture series of production was an elaborate series of films depicting the government improvements of the Columbia river, including the jetties and dredging at the mouth and the Dalles-Celilo canal; also the construction work on the great Hill ocean and rail terminals at Astoria, the arrival of the steamship Great Northern, the million dollar municipal docks, the seawall and reclamation project in the Astoria business district, the Columbia highway and scenes at the Clatsop county beaches at Seaside.

Umatilla County Depicted.
One of the surprises of the evening was the moving picture portrayal of wheat and livestock production in Umatilla county, the views including the plowing, seeding and harvesting of grain, the assembling of wheat for shipment, views of herds of beef cattle and flocks of sheep, shipments of wool, etc. Many scenes illustrating the handling of fruit and other products of the inland Empire were given, the whole made practical by actual statistics of present and prospective production. The relation of

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State Commonwealth Conference Opens Today at Eugene

MANY VITAL TOPICS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE DISCUSSED AT GATHERING.

EUGENE, Ore., May 28.—The seventh annual Oregon commonwealth conference began sessions at the University of Oregon today with a number of interesting and vital topics to be discussed. Among them were the problem of city finances, efficient administration generally and bonding in particular, "city planning," and the cooperation between the state and nation for the development of natural resources.

B. F. Irvine, member of the state conservation commission, in an address, pointed out that cooperation between the state and nation and among neighboring states was necessary for the freer use of idle resources.

The cooperative undertakings available for the largest utilization of water resources, were enumerated by J. N. Teal of Portland, chairman of Oregon conservation commission. Former Governor West called attention to the opportunities through cooperation for making arid lands productive and the forest resources a means of public welfare.

At this afternoon's session State Engineer John B. Lewis continued the discussion on cooperation by making it plain that team work is necessary in the development of water power.

Senator Harry Lane spoke on the subject, "Necessity For the Formation and Expression of Public Opinion of the west."

Turks Driven Out by Slavs

PETROGRAD, May 28.—The Russians have occupied Urumah where wholesale massacres of Armenians recently occurred, it was officially announced. The Turks were driven out by the advancing Russians.

MAY WHEAT STILL UPON TOBOGGAN AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 28.—(Special) A drop of four cents in May wheat was the feature in the market today. At the close 1.41 was bid for May; \$1.26 5-8 was asked for July and for Sept. \$1.20 5-8 was asked.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 28.—(Special)—Portland wheat quotations have been, club, \$1.05; bluestem, \$1.13.

MANY PRIZES WON AT HORSE SHOW AT MILTON YESTERDAY

AWARDS ARE MADE BY R. E. REYNOLDS OF O. A. C.—FAIR GRAND SUCCESS.

MILTON, Ore., May 28.—(Staff Correspondence.)—Though the latter part of the day was marred by rain, Milton's Strawberry Day and Horse Show ended successfully last evening. The judging of the horses was an interesting part of the day, the awards being made by R. E. Reynolds of O. A. C. Most of the credit for the success of the horse show is given to T. C. Elliot.

The following are the prize winners:
1—Ladies saddle horse class, seven entries, Mrs. T. C. Elliot, Milton, first; Miss Littlefield, Milton, second.
2—Gentlemen's saddle horse class, John Minick, Walla Walla, first; E. S. McEwen, Athena, second. Ten entries.
3—Ladies' single drivers, 3 entries. Mrs. Wm. Hodgen, Milton, first; Mrs. Ed Hoan, Milton, second.
4—Gentlemen's single drivers, 11 entries, George Preston, Milton, first; Ed Tausack, Walla Walla, second.
5—Pole team, lady driver, 2 entries, Mrs. J. D. Plamondon, Athena, first; Mrs. Hansen, Milton, second.
6—Pole team, gentlemen drivers, first, D. R. Waller, Walla Walla; second, A. E. Boatie, Milton.
7—Best standard stallion, four entries, first, G. E. Predmore, Walla

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Italian Officers Perform Feats



The Italian cavalry is considered the best in Europe. The accompanying photographs show officers of the Italian cavalry at practice.

Seniors Graduate This Evening and Receive Diplomas

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS WILL BE DELIVERED BY REV. J. E. SNYDER.

This evening the members of the senior class of the high school will reach the end of their academic career, composing the largest class ever graduated from Pendleton high school. In the big auditorium of the school they will receive from the hand of Chairman W. E. Brock of the school board the diplomas which will stand as evidence of their completion of the four year course. Rev. J. E. Snyder of the Presbyterian church will deliver the commencement address.

Yesterday afternoon the auditorium was well filled for the annual class exercises and the occasion was a very enjoyable one, both for the students and for the spectators. The program, varied and uniformly good, was made up entirely of numbers by the graduates. It opened with two very excellent piano numbers by Miss Dorothy Hedwell. Irving Mann, president of the class, followed with an address after which Joe Colesworthy recited the principal events in the stirring history of the class of 1915. Miss Beulah Young delivered an oration "The Terrible Submarine," a very timely subject. Miss Rose Gordon, the class poet, recited in verse the chief characteristics of the members of the class and Miss Fay Duff, in a very cleverly drawn instrument, bequeathed away the various possessions of the class, material and otherwise. An oration upon "Athletics for Athletes' Sake," by Miss Alice Ferguson was followed by two quartet numbers by Misses Ruth Terpening, Helen Raymond, Winnie Chisholm and Maye Hagar. Miss Lois Hampton and Charles Russell in a dialogue foretold the fate in store for the various members, their predictions causing much merriment. Two other orations, one by Miss Anna Bashor on "Commercial Education" and the other by Miss Velma Marple on "The Montessori Method," (two local numbers) by Miss Claire McDonald, a farewell bit of advice to the Juniors by Cecil Curi and a response by Wilbur Badley completed the very enjoyable program.

Von Sanders is Among Wounded

SALONIKA, May 28.—General Von Sanders, the German commander of Turkish troops engaged at the Dardanelles, was wounded during the fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula, according to dispatches received here. Von Sanders was in supreme command of the defense of the Dardanelles and now has been succeeded by Admiral Von Usedom, also a German officer. The dispatches asserted.

American Cruiser North Carolina is Aground in Harbor

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British Attacks Halted by Turks

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FIRST SUMMER SCHOOL OF CITY WILL OPEN MONDAY

PRINCIPAL A. C. HAMPTON WILL HAVE CHARGE—MANY WILL BE ENROLLED.

Pendleton's first summer school for teachers will open Monday morning in the high school building and there promises to be a good many in the beginning class. Principal A. C. Hampton will have charge of the school and will be assisted in his work by a number of other able instructors.

The aim of the school is to prepare teachers for their work. The school will be conducted through June and most of July and will conclude just before the state teachers' examinations. All of the subjects in which the applicants for papers will be examined will be reviewed. The subjects specified under the old law for life papers will be taught instead of those under the new law inasmuch as most of the applicants have been working under the old law.

Big Crowds in City Today to Attend the AIG. Barnes' Circus

THE SMALL BOY IS HAPPY—PARADE THIS MORNING IS EXCELLENT ONE.

Today is circus day, the one day of the year that vies in interest with the Fourth of July for the small boy. And the small boy is here in hordes from all over the county and likewise the small girl and the small boy and small girl's fathers and mothers, aunts and cousins. Through the favor of the weather man, a fair, sunny day has been provided and has been instrumental in drawing big crowds to Pendleton.

The circus, A. I. G. Barnes' three ring animal circus which has made a phenomenal growth in a few years until it is without a peer of its kind, arrived early and the work of unloading was watched by hundreds.

At 11 o'clock came the parade and the streets were lined with the circus crowds. Bands of all varieties played, lions, bears, tigers, cougars and hyenas paced back and forward in their cages and peered out at the curious crowds, while their trainers, unmindful of their savage appearance, sat in the cages with them. There were Shetland ponies galore and other big, magnificent horses, big, slate-colored elephants, llamas, camels, zebras and many other fine specimens of wild animals.

The big tents are stretched at the far west end of Court street and this afternoon are crowded. Another performance will be given this evening and the management promises that everything on the afternoon program will be repeated.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.
British steamer Princess Irene is destroyed and all on board are killed.
Italian invaders drawing up lines to meet the Austrians.
Local.
Struble tells of Columbia waterway in two illustrated lectures.
High school commencement exercises this evening.
Local G. A. R. prepares for Memorial day.
Circus elephant qualifies as first aid to autoist.
Teachers' training school opens here Monday.

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Men Who Gave Lives for the Union to be Honored

KIT CARSON POST WILL DECORATE GRAVES OF DEPARTED—MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Veterans of the Civil War whose remains are interred at Olney cemetery will be honored Sunday by Kit Carson Post, G. A. R. Their graves will be marked and strewn with flowers and in the afternoon memorial services will be held in the Oregon theater.

R. R. Butler of The Dalles will deliver the memorial address at 2 o'clock and immediately afterward autos will take all of the veterans and the flowers to the burial ground. J. V. Tallman, president of the Commercial association, has provided autos to convey the old soldiers out.

He urges that all people who have roses or other flowers to spare take them to the city hall sometime during Sunday morning.

WANTED—AN ELEPHANT; APPLY TO ROY ALEXANDER

Roy Alexander is in the market for an elephant and he is advocating the purchase of a pachyderm to all of his auto-owning friends. As a first aid to a stuck-in-the-mud motorist, he avows there is nothing like one of the big animals, and he knows whereof he speaks.

LOCAL MAN FINDS BEAST IS GREAT NECESSITY WITH AN AUTOMOBILE.

This morning he was driving his car in the lower end of town, presumably to give the circus crew the "once over." Suddenly his front wheels dropped into a big mudhole and he refused to climb out. He exhausted all of the expedients he knew and likewise all of his patience. Eventually he sauntered over to the circus and asked to borrow a rope. "Rope nothing," said the foreman. "I'll loan you an elephant." He went into the animal tent and soon emerged leading one of the big giants of the jungles. Taking him to the car, he placed the animals broad forehead against the radiator, gave a sharp command and the car shot clear out of the mudhole. "Say, I need one of those things to carry along in my tool chest," remarked the young merchant.

ITALIAN INVADERS NEARING TRENCHES OF AUSTRIAN ARMY

First Big Battle of Austro-Italian War is Near at Hand—Strong Entrenchments are Held by the Austrians—Several More Towns are Occupied by Italian Troops—Mobs in Rome Wreck Hotel Managed by German.

ROME, May 28.—The first big battle of the Austro-Italian war is now imminent. With the Italian invading forces swinging through Trentino and up to the Isonzo river valley, the first clash in force of the opposing armies is not many hours away. On both fronts, the Italians are advancing within a few miles of where large Austrian forces are entrenched.

General Cadorna reported to the war office that the forces which captured Cormons and Verbanago are now pressing upon Goritz and Trieste. Grado, 18 miles from Trieste, has been occupied.

ROME, May 28.—Italian forces have occupied Grado, 22 miles southwest of Trieste, on the Adriatic. It was officially announced. The advancing troops were greeted enthusiastically by the people of Grado.

MILAN, May 28.—The first serious outbreak against Germans occurred with the storming and ransacking of the Metropole Hotel by Italian mobs.

The Metropole is under German management. Rumors were circulated that signals were flashed from the roof of the hotel to the Austrians. Mobs poured into the hotel and drove the employees out and then searched it from cellar to roof for spies or signaling apparatus.

ROME, May 28.—Queen Helena put the Royal palaces in Rome, Milan and Mantua at the disposal of the Red Cross to be used as hospitals during the war if needed. Pope Benedict offered his villa and Castle Gandolfo to the society.

A number of Italian priests are reported to have enlisted in the army.

ROME, May 28.—Italian aviators flew over Monfalcone and dropped bombs upon the railway between Nabresina and Trieste, it was announced. General Cadorna reported serious damage was done by the aviators and declared the airmen possibly had succeeded in interrupting Austrian communications.

GLASGOW STEAMER BADLY DAMAGED BY A TORPEDO

ATTACK TAKES PLACE OFF THE IRISH COAST—VESSELS GO TO AID.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—The Glasgow steamer Arylshire was damaged by being torpedoed by a German submarine. Distress signals were sent out and vessels hastened to assist the ship. The admiralty could give no information with regard to the attack on the vessel, the message merely stating she had been torpedoed. The vessel was attacked off the Irish coast.

Hardware Men's Banquet

CLEVELAND, O., May 28.—The annual convention of the American Iron, Steel and Heavy Hardware Association closes here with a banquet in the Halden Hotel.

Texas Cuts Cost \$1 Tax

HOUSTON, Tex., May 28.—Being a cat in Houston isn't nearly as much as it used to be. Finance Commissioner Pastoria took the most of the fun out of it, when he announced it'd cost \$1 tax hereafter, under a court ruling that everything of value must be taxed. "They're valuable," he said, "to catch rats and mice."

Better Cereals Planned

BERKELEY, Cal., May 28.—Betterment of cereal foods was sought after today by the Interstate Conference on Investigations of Cereals, in session at the University of California. Experts from all over the country gave their opinions.

Vermont Berries Killed

BURLINGTON, Vt., May 28.—Thousands of dollars worth of strawberries and other fruits were irretrievably damaged by the cold wave which swept this section.

5 MEXICANS TO BE HANGED ARE GRANTED A REPRIEVE

FLORENCE, Arizona, May 28.—The state board of pardons this afternoon granted the five Mexicans who were to be hanged today at the penitentiary here a reprieve not to exceed nine weeks.

STEAMER STRIKES ROCK; IS FORCED TO PUT BACK

ADELINE NOT BADLY DAMAGED, IS BELIEVED—WAS ON ITS WAY UP COAST.

MARSHFIELD, May 28.—The steamer Adeline Smith struck an uncharted rock at 8 a. m. and is returning to San Francisco for repairs, according to a wireless message received here. It is not believed the vessel is badly damaged.

Princess Irene is Blown Up off Sheerness Harbor With Probable Loss of 200

SHEERNESS, May 28.—Rumors were persistently circulated here that a German spy caused the explosion which destroyed the steamer Princess Irene with a loss of more than 200 lives. The admiralty has ordered an investigation into the disaster but it was declared the explosion surely would be found due to an accident. Outside of bits of floating wreckage there is no trace of the Irene in the harbor. The explosion which wiped out the crew of 250 and 78 dockyard employees literally blew the steamer to atoms.

How the explosion which wrecked the Irene actually occurred may never be known. Not a single man escaped. Jack Hodges was returning to the steamer in a small boat when the explosion occurred. He was in full view of the Irene when she was blown to pieces.

"I was headed for the ship," said Hodges, "when suddenly there came a deafening roar. A vast column of smoke and flame leaped into the sky from where only before I had seen the Irene. There were a few seconds of dead silence, then things began spluttering down into the water. There were bits of men's legs, arms, bodies, splinters of wood and steel. The debris came down so thick I dodged

back into the cabin of my boat to escape being struck."
Splinters of steel and wood fell nine miles from Sheerness. A girl hurled to the ground was killed by the force of the explosion in Port Victoria. A second child was killed at Port Victoria when Hilda Bost, nine, was struck on the head by a flying piece of iron.

Danish Steamer Sinks

STOCKHOLM, May 28.—The Danish steamer Ely struck a mine and sank yesterday in the Aland sea. The Ely was carrying a cargo of coal.

Torpedoed by submarine

PENANCE, May 28.—The British steamer Ceadiff, en route from Oporto to Cardiff, was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine off Cornwall. It was learned today when survivors were landed at Newlyn by fishing vessels.