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SUBMARINE WAR AGAINST ARMED SHIPS IS BEGUN

Decree of Berlin Government Went Into Effect at Midnight—England Thinks Proclamation a Bluff.

SAYS CAMPAIGN UNJUSTIFIED

Nothing to Indicate Sinking of Thornaby Is First Blow of the Teutons Divers Are Increased in Number Off Italian Coast in Anticipation of New Move.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The White Star line cancelled reservations for March on its three remaining passenger vessels. It was denied the submarine campaign was the reason. It was said they find they can operate more profitably by excluding passengers.

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The situation here is similar to that at the dawn of the first German submarine campaign more than a year ago. Some regard the decree as a bluff. Such persons are offering bets that submarines will not sink a liner without warning.

STOCKHOLM, March 1.—The 1299 ton Swedish vessel Thorberg was submerged in the Mediterranean. The crew was landed at Leghorn.

LONDON, March 1.—The 1800 ton British steamer Thornaby was sunk and the crew perished, a Lloyd's dispatch said today.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Because of the German campaign against armed merchantmen, insurance rates on transatlantic ships engaged in the Mediterranean service rose sharply today.

O-W Officials to Map out Campaign for the Round-Up

WILL SPEND DAY WITH BOARD IN PLANNING FOR PUBLICITY THIS YEAR.

To spend an entire day with the round-up board in mapping out a campaign of publicity for the 1916 round-up, William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O-W, R. & N., and Advertising Manager Jackson of the same company, will arrive in the city next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. McMurray, in speaking at the recent railroad banquet in this city, stated that his company was planning to carry on the most extensive campaign for advertising the 1916 Round-up that it has yet undertaken and declared particular effort would be made to attract many people from the eastern states.

The Round-up, because of its drawing power, is a big asset to the railroads and Mr. McMurray realizes that the scope of its attraction can be increased by judicious advertising.

According to acetonists a man should live about five times as long as the time required for the full development of his frame and muscular system, but seldom does.

President Asks Congress to Vote on Proposals to Warn Americans off Armed Ships

WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson unexpectedly requested of congress yesterday a vote of confidence in his stand against Germany's submarine policy.

Official Washington gasped when the White House made public a letter from the president to Representative Edward W. Pox of North Carolina, acting chairman of the house rules committee, asking an early vote on proposals to warn Americans off belligerent merchant ships.

Democratic leaders of the house who have fought for a week at the president's behest to prevent a vote on the warning resolutions, threw up their hands in dismay.

Text of President's Letter: The text of the letter follows: "The White House, Washington, Feb. 29, 1916—My Dear Mr. Pox: Inasmuch as I learn that Mr. Henry, the chairman of the committee on rules, is absent in Texas, I take the liberty of calling your attention, as ranking member of the committee to a matter of grave concern to the country, which can, I believe, be handled under the rules of the house, only by that committee.

"The report that there are divided councils in the house in regard to the foreign policy of the government is being made industriously use of in foreign capitals.

Believes Report Is False.

"I believe that to be false, but so long as it is anywhere credited, it cannot fail to do the greatest harm.

Dame Rumor Says Steiwer will Run for Legislature, Making Lively Three Corned Race

It is persistently reported on the streets today that District Attorney Steiwer will make the race for the republican nomination for representative in the legislature. This information is said to be from such sources as to assure its accuracy.

ONLY \$5000 NOW NEEDED TO ASSURE LOCATION OF BLEWETT FACTORY HERE

Further subscriptions received today for the Blewett Harvester Co. fund reduce the amount now to be raised to only \$5000. Five different subscriptions of \$500 each have been made in the last 24 hours but the names are not yet announced because some of the men have not yet signed up with the committee.

With only \$5000 yet to be raised it is the belief of the workers for the factory that victory is in sight though it will be necessary to raise the entire amount before the industry is safely landed for Pendleton.

Grand Line Depot is Destroyed by Fire at Montreal

TONS OF FREIGHT AND BAGGAGE AND NUMBER OF TRAINS IN RUINS.

MONTREAL, March 1.—The Grand Line depot, containing tons of freight, baggage and a number of trains, was reduced to ashes by a mysterious fire this morning. The cause is unknown. It is believed there were no casualties. The fire broke out at several points simultaneously.

Some authorities attributed the fire to a German plot, though they also are investigating reports that the wiring in the depot was defective. The loss is \$200,000.

Boundaries of New Precincts Given for Benefit of Voters

Since the establishment of new precincts in Pendleton and the changing of the boundaries of others, few Pendleton voters know in what precinct they live and, inasmuch as this is the time when petitions are being circulated some inconvenience is being caused by the lack of definite knowledge as to precinct bounds.

Precinct 22—Beginning at the southern end of Vincent street, the boundary line runs north to Railroad street, thence east on Railroad to Mill, north on Mill to Alta, east on Alta to its intersection with Court and east on Court to the city limits.

Precinct 23—Beginning at the intersection of Mill street and the river, the line runs south on Mill to Alta, east on Alta to Court and east on Court to the city limits. The northern boundary is the river and the eastern boundary the city limits.

Precinct 34—Bounded on the north by Railroad street, on the east by Vincent, on the south by the city limits and on the west by Main.

Precinct 35—Bounded on the north by the river, on the east by Mill street, on the south by Railroad and on the west by Johnson.

Precinct 36—Bounded on the north by the river, on the east by Johnson,

CONGRESS TO GO ON RECORD OVER FOREIGN POLICY

Prediction is Made That Wilson Will be Upheld in His Attitude Toward German Government.

LEADERS APPROVE THE PLAN

Test of Strength Will be Made as to Whether Americans Should be Warned or Not to Keep Off Armed Merchantmen—Letter to Pox Causes Some Sensation.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Congress will soon go on record as to the administration's course toward Germany. Leaders today approved Wilson's proposal to Representative Pox that a test of strength be taken whether to warn Americans to avoid armed merchantmen. Even while taking steps for a showdown, some disbelieve that congress, especially the house, was willing to support the president wholeheartedly.

Stone intimated the resolution would be limited to an endorsement of Wilson's course in the armed ship controversy but not refer to other phases of his foreign policy. It is believed congress will back the president thus far.

Senators Stone and Kern and Representative Flood conferred with the president this morning for nearly an hour. It was agreed the test would be a straight one on the warning resolution. Clark, Kitchin and Pox met the president afterwards.

Flood said after the conference: "In the light of events, I think there is little question that all members of congress will support the president." The president's letter to Pox caused a sensation because none of the leaders had an inkling of the president's determination to force the issue. The request generally was interpreted as meaning a poll of the sentiment of the capitol showed enough votes to defeat the resolution reflecting upon the president's position. In sending his message to Pox, the president pointed out that foreign capitals might be adversely influenced by news of a lack of support for the government. He said the stories of differences were being made industriously use of abroad. He favored a test of strength Saturday, but decided to postpone action.

Agitation was renewed today for the president to appear at an executive session of congress with a special message about the dealings with the central powers, because the republicans object to voting on the foreign question "in the dark."

Shippers Asked to Help Relieve Car Shortage in State

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF O-W, PLEADS FOR PROMPT UNLOADING.

So serious is the car shortage in Oregon, because of brisk business in all lines that W. H. Skye, special representative of the traffic department of the O-W, R. & N. is here today on a trip to induce shippers to aid the railroad companies in relieving the shortage.

The desire of the railroad, according to Mr. Skye, is that shippers load and unload cars just as promptly as possible. Do not take advantage of the 48 hour privilege but unload cars quickly so they may then be used again.

A similar request to shippers is being made by the state railroad commission. Under date of March 1 a notice has been sent out to shippers and the following advice given: "Shippers are requested to order cars in writing, stating number, wanted, time when and place where desired kind of freight to be shipped and the final destination. The application for cars should be made to an official or general agent of the railroad or the agent at the point nearest the station, switch or siding where the cars are to be furnished.

To load cars to full capacity. (10 per cent above the marked capacity.) To order no more cars than are absolutely needed. To unload cars as promptly as possible and give company immediate notice when car is released.

E. S. Sleeman came in yesterday from Helix and spent the night here. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Warren of Helix were among the visitors here last evening.

Fortification Plans Aft. Arrests

NEW YORK, March 1.—Arresting two men, supposed German navy lieutenants, charged with postal fraud inspectors confiscated plans of American fortifications. They gave the names of Richard von Abread and Rudolph von Kracht. They are specifically charged with collecting money for the Belgian relief work fraudulently.

REASSESSMENT AMENDMENT DECLARED TO BE INVALID

ARGUMENT IS MADE TO SUSTAIN DEMURRER IN JACKSON STREET SUIT.

Holding that the reassessment amendment is unconstitutional and that the reassessment made in the Jackson street improvement district is invalid, R. E. Johnson, Portland attorney representing Frank Frazier and other Jackson street property owners, this morning made his argument by which he hopes to sustain the demurrer filed in the case brought by the city against Mr. Frazier to collect for the improvement of Jackson street adjacent to his property.

City Attorney Fee and his father Judge Fee, appeared for the city but

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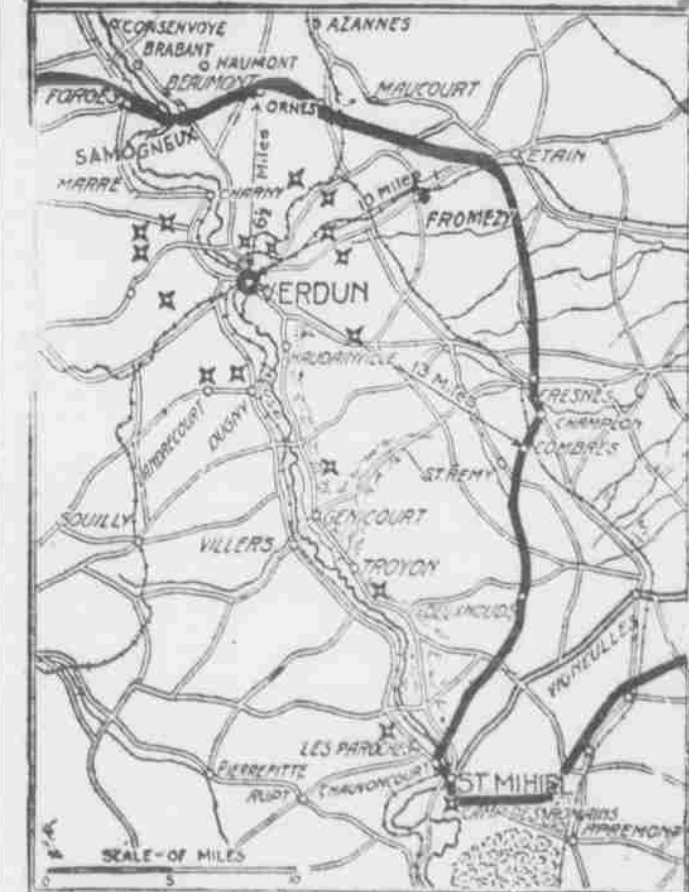
Wheat Higher Today in Chicago Market

CHICAGO, March 1.—(Special)—May \$1.12 1-2, \$1.11 3-4 A. July \$1.10 1-4, \$1.08 7-8.

Portland, OREGON, March 1.—(Special)—Club 29, 97, bluestem \$8, \$1.02.

Liverpool, ENGLAND, Feb. 29.—Wheat—Spot No. 2 red western winter, 14c 7 1-2; No. 2 hard winter, gulf, 13c 6d; No. 2 hard winter, new and choice nominal. In American terms the Liverpool price for No. 2 red western winter is \$2.13 per bushel.

French Guns at Verdun; German Advance Map



The French line north of Verdun at the beginning of the present German offensive ran from the Meuse, at a point north of Conservey, in a semi-circle into the woods in the northeast and turned southward well north of Beaumont, continuing to the southeast, north of Ornes, to Fromely and Rels.

FRENCH GIVE UP TOWN SOUTHEAST OF VERDUN POST

Fresnes is Evacuated According to Statement in Berlin Newspaper—Lull Comes in Battle.

NEW OFFENSIVE MAY START

Paris Says No Reason to Believe Kaiser Has Abandoned His Attempts to Take Stronghold Controlling Way to Paris—French Are Ready for Any Eventuality

BERLIN, March 1.—The French have evacuated Fresnes, southeast of Verdun, the Lokal Anzeiger's correspondent reported.

LONDON, March 1.—A Paris wireless message reported a lull in the battle around Verdun. It warned, however, that there was no reason to believe the German offensive had been abandoned. A German statement reported artillery battling there but did not mention important infantry engagements. An English biplane was shot down near Mentz and two French biplanes near Soissons.

LONDON, March 1.—After days of furious struggle, the fighting around Verdun came almost to a complete stop last night, official statements agreed. Paris uttered a warning the Germans probably are preparing for a further offensive on a colossal scale.

New drives against Peper Heights, north of Verdun and against the forts Devaume and Devaux, are believed presaged. Berlin reported artillery fighting on the whole front but no infantry attacks around Verdun. Paris said there was an intermittent bombardment northwest of Verdun. German concentrations at Pontamousson were reported by artillery.

Both sides claimed minor aerial activities.

The committee handling the matter yesterday was a joint organization, composed of the executive committee of the good roads association, a committee of 11 named by the county court and a committee from the Pendleton Commercial club.

At the outset of the meeting the committee members were asked to occupy the jury chairs and sit so while the spectators occupied the auditorium. Col. J. H. Raley started the ball rolling by a general discussion of the bonding plan and the purpose of the meeting. Attorney Cochran of La Grande was then called upon and recited the steps being taken to vote a bond issue in Union county. It is

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Steiwer Announces His Retirement as District Attorney

LIVELY CONTEST IS PROMISED AS PLACE IS SOUGHT BY SEVERAL.

District Attorney Frederick Steiwer today announced his retirement from office at the expiration of his present term. Some time ago he had practically made up his mind not to seek re-election but, yielding to the requests of those who wish him to remain in office, he took further time to consider the matter. His decision, announced today is final, he states.

A desire to devote his full time to his private practice has prompted him in making his decision. Despite the fact that Morrow county has been taken out of his jurisdiction since his election, the duties of the office have so increased that they require almost all of his time and the assistance of a deputy.

The announcement of his retirement is expected to bring forth a bitter fight for the office because so a number of attorneys have been awaiting his decision. It is doubtful whether he would have been chosen as the general authority seemed to be that he could not have been beaten.

Owner E. Smith of New City, is also almost certain to be a candidate for the judicial position and it is also very probable that J. O. Peterson of Milver and H. E. Ward of Albion will throw their hats into the ring and take their chances at the republican primaries. Deputy District Attorney R. I. Keenan, City Attorney Fee, G. W. Courie of this city and W. J. Warner of Hermiston are also being mentioned as republican candidates.

In democratic circles J. Roy Raley of the city is being freely mentioned as a candidate and it is known his friends have asked him to consider the matter. Should he decide to run a lively contest is promised at the general election as well as at the republican primaries.