

MINE LAYING DIVER AND HUGE GERMAN RAIDER REPORTED TO BE ROAMING THE ATLANTIC

Fears are Renewed That Teutons Intend to Resume Ruthless Submarining; Two Liners and Several Smaller Boats Over Due; Captain of Dutch Liner Brings News of Presence of Divers Said to be 450 Feet Long With Long Range Guns.

MINE PLACING BELIEVED ANSWER TO ALLIES REJECTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Reports of new German submarines capable of laying mines while submerged and the report of a mysterious German raider roaming the Atlantic were brought here by the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam.

Captain Baron of the Nieuw Amsterdam said he received daily warnings by wireless to look out for a raider four hundred and fifty feet long with long range guns and torpedo tubes.

Two ships that sailed for the United States last month have not been heard from. They are the liners Georgio, and Volaire. Other small boats are overdue.

New York shipping circles attached additional importance to the reports brought by the Nieuw Amsterdam, in view of the fears expressed at Washington over the ruthless resumption of submarining and a break with Germany.

Mine laying is said to be Germany's answer to the allied refusal of her peace proffers.

P. H. S. ROMANCE CULMINATES IN A SECRET MARRIAGE

MISS MYRTLE WESTGATE AND OTIS HAMPTON QUIETLY MARRIED IN WALLA WALLA.

Another Pendleton high school romance developed into a secret wedding last evening when Otis Hampton and Miss Myrtle Westgate, both graduates of the school, were quietly married in Walla Walla.

Miss Westgate, who is the daughter of a well known Pilot Rock family, has been teaching school in the Tuna-tum district of the east end and came to Pendleton to spend the Christmas holidays. She was to return to her home on the Monday evening train and she was accompanied to the depot by young Mr. Hampton to whom she had been engaged for some time.

The fact that the drifting snow near Athena had blocked the railroad line and thus delayed the train was perhaps responsible for their sudden wedding. During the long wait for the train it is said that they discussed plans for their wedding which was to have been an event of the spring and suddenly reached the conclusion that there was no particular reason for the long wait. Thereupon, Mr. Hampton climbed aboard the train with her and went to Crockett station near Milton, where Miss Westgate made her home with Mrs. Lucy Ray. Yesterday morning Mrs. Ray accompanied the bride to Walla Walla where a complete bride trousseau was purchased for the unprepared bride. The bridegroom, too, had left home without making adequate financial arrangements. It is said, and had to be identified in Walla Walla in order to draw money.

All these little details having been attended to, they were quietly married at 6 o'clock last evening at the parsonage of the Third Methodist church in Walla Walla. Rev. A. H. Nathan officiating. They left immediately for Los Angeles where they will spend their honeymoon.

Mr. Hampton is the youngest son of the late Stephen A. Hampton, pioneer farmer. He is a graduate of Oregon Agricultural College and with his brother Claude is engaged in farming. The big ranch left by his father. His bride was a very popular young lady among her associates at the Pendleton high school and has a great many friends here and in Pilot Rock.

\$500,000 FLOOD DAMAGE. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 3.—Seventy bodies of victims of the Clermont flood have been recovered. Many others are missing. Five hundred thousand damage was done.

VALDEZ FIRE DUE TO INCENDIARISM

VALDEZ, Jan. 3.—Federal authorities today believe the fire that wiped out the city for the second time in eighteen months was caused by wholesale incendiarism. Two blazes were opposite each other and two in the next block. Supplies were rushed north last night on the Seattle steamer Mariposa.

NEARLY 2 BILLION EXPORT INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The exports of the United States for the eleven months of nineteen sixteen, ending November 30th, jumped more than a billion and three quarters in value over the same period of nineteen sixteen.

LATE WIRE BULLETINS

PANAMA GOVERNOR NAMED. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—President Wilson has nominated Lieutenant Colonel Chester Harding of the army engineering corps, as governor of the Panama canal zone.

FRENCH SHIP TORPEDOED. BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The torpedoing of the French battleship Verite by a German submarine near Malta is reported in the Zurich Post.

AMENDMENT IS ASKED. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Judge Chambers, United States commissioner on the mediation and conciliation board has been requested to prepare an amendment to the proposed railway bill that will give the courts the right to interpret and enforce the awards of the board of mediation and conciliation.

WOULD MEET HALF WAY. PHOENIX, Jan. 3.—Hunt has issued a statement inviting Tom Campbell to meet him half way to secure a speedy determination of the contents proceedings on the election to the governorship now pending in the courts. He claims Campbell's attorneys have interposed legal technicalities and are strenuously objecting to the inspection of the ballots.

PENDLETON GIRLS PLAY HERMISTON ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Fine Basketball Game is Expected as Local Team is After Championship Honors.

On the coming Friday night, the local high school girls basketball team will meet the team from Hermiston high school. The local team so far this year has had an easy time defeating its opponents, but from advanced notices from Hermiston, it is thought that a harder battle than has yet been seen will be presented.

The local team is after championship honors and may be counted upon to put up its best brand of basketball on every occasion. If Hermiston expects to win, she must put up a fast scrappy contest as tight as one of the local team's chief requisites.

The preliminary to this contest, the game between the college boys and the high school team, promises to be equally as interesting as the main contest. The two games together should be an excellent drawing card for it is seldom that such well matched teams are scheduled for a double header.

WILSON KNOWS THE GERMAN PEACE TERMS

Count Andrassy is Quoted as Saying so in His New Year's Speech at Budapest Says Dispatch.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The declaration that President Wilson knows the peace terms of the central powers was made in the New Year's speech at Budapest of Count Andrassy according to a Central News dispatch this afternoon. It quoted Andrassy as saying: "If the ententes desire to learn our terms they can do so from that source." in referring to America.

CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO IS ARRESTED

Charged With Conspiracy to Violate American Laws by Shipping Arms and Munitions to Mexico.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Charged with conspiracy to violate American laws and circumvent the order regarding the shipment of arms and ammunition into Mexico, Juan Duran, Mexican consul general, has been arrested. Two thousand dollars bail was put up. He is charged with conspiring with Louis Cotling and two other employees of an exporting firm, who shipped arms to Mexico as hardware.

STEIWER WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF SENATE RAILROADS COMMITTEE



Senator Fred Steiwer will have the chairmanship of the important committee on railroads at the coming session of the legislature, according to an announcement by Gus C. Moser who is considered as certain to be the president of the senate. No important chairmanship has been announced for Senator Barrett but it is said he will have a place on the ways and means committee.

The following chairmanships have been announced by Senator Moser: Dr. W. D. Wood of Washington county, ways and means committee. W. T. Vinton, of Yamhill county, judiciary committee. S. E. Houston, of Multnomah will head the revision of laws committee. Agriculture and forestry—H. A. Lewis, of Multnomah.

Banking—E. D. Casick, of Linn and Lane, who was chairman also in 1915. Education—J. S. Smith, of Coos and Curry. Enrolled bills—Dr. J. C. Smith of Josephine. Fishing—T. B. Hadley of Tillamook, Yamhill and Washington. Game—John Gill, of Multnomah. Horticulture—A. M. La Follette, of Marion. Industries—C. P. Bishop, of Marion. Irrigation—Julien A. Hurley, of Grant, Harney and Malheur. Mining—W. H. Strayer of Baker. Railroads—Frederick Steiwer of Umatilla. Resolutions—Walter A. Dimick, of Clackamas.

WHEAT IS UP SIX CENTS AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Range of prices today: Open High Low Close. May \$1.81 1.86 1.80 1.86 1/2. July \$1.47 1.52 1.46 1.52 1/2.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 3.—Merchants Exchange prices today, club, \$1.47; bluestem, \$1.58.

BARUCH POINTED AS ONE SOURCE OF THE WALL STREET LEAKS

Bennett of New York Springs Sensation During Fight in House Over Proposed Congressional Investigation; Stone Exonerates Lansing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The fight in the house over the proposed congressional investigation of the leak to Wall street took a most sensational turn this afternoon. Bennett of New York, named Bernard Baruch as one of those from whom Wall street got information.

He said it was rumored Baruch sold short on a rising market, thirty minutes before the note was made public, fifteen thousand shares of steel.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Senator Stone speaking on the senate floor exonerated Lansing of all blame for the leaks in the state department. He blamed the leaks as the result of the civil service system now in vogue. The defense of Lansing followed a conference between the two.

21 BOOTLEGGERS WERE CONVICTED THE PAST YEAR

Twenty-one bootleggers were convicted in police court during the past year of selling liquor unlawfully and the majority of them were given the maximum sentence, \$10 fine and 31 days in jail. A number of other violations of the prohibition ordinance such as drinking in public places and giving liquor to a minor resulted in smaller penalties.

No arrests under the prohibition ordinance were made until March when one offender was caught. One was convicted in April, two in May, one in June, five in July, one in October, three in November and seven in December. One has already been arrested this month.

CENTRAL POWERS NEARING BRINK OF STARVATION

Seriousness of Internal Conditions Instrumental in Allies Decision to Turn Deaf Ear to Peace.

FOOD ENOUGH FOR 6 MONTHS

Intense Suffering is Reported Among All Classes, Declare Reports; Relief Must Come Within a Half Year.

(ED L. KEEN.)

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Authentic information is substantiating the press reports that the seriousness of the internal conditions in the central powers was instrumental in the allies' decision to turn a deaf ear to peace.

In the light of this information the allies are all the more confident that Germany's peace pleas were put forth in a spirit of desperation despite the bombastic utterances of the kaiser and officials.

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Budapest said it was evident the central powers were within measurable distance of the limit of endurance of their much suffering peoples, and plainly apparent to anyone who has made a study of the economic conditions of Germany and the dual monarchy.

That the peace offer was chiefly prompted by a knowledge that relief must come within six months, if serious internal troubles are to be avoided, was evident. In Austro-Hungary the available food supply will not last six months. In spite of severe privations the authorities should succeed in getting the supplies until the end of January. But by July or August not enough grain, wheat or maize will be left, according to statisticians. When that time comes peace will have to be made on any terms.

JOINT DEPOSITS OF TWO BANKS \$4,826,210

The joint deposits of the two Pendleton banks on Dec. 31 amounted to \$4,826,210.33, according to the statements which they prepared and sent to the comptroller of the currency yesterday. This was somewhat less than it was at the time the last statement was issued inasmuch as the former came during the heavy selling season of the farmers. The statement of the First National Bank shows \$2,113,856.82 on deposits and that of the American National \$2,712,353.51. The statements show a total of \$1,275,678.84 in cash and exchange and loans and discounts totaling \$4,597,495.57.

TO HAVE BOXING CLUB IN CHURCH

RHINELANDER, Wis., Jan. 2.—The state boxing commission has authorized the city to have a boxing club in the church. The license was issued to Rev. Fred Wedge, one time middleweight, who has organized a class of Sunday school pupils.

INDIANS VOTE IN FAVOR OF DIVISION OF TRIBAL LANDS

If the majority sentiment among the Indians of the Umatilla reservation is allowed to govern, the 75,000 acres of tribal lands on the reservation will be allotted to the children of the present allottees. At the most representative council held on the reservation in years, the Indians yesterday afternoon voted four to one in favor of the division of the lands. There were about 360 adult Indians present at the council and it was necessary to hold the meeting in the old chapel. After a "talkless" session from 2 until 5 and during which eloquent and impassioned speeches were made, there were 170 who signed the petition for allotment and 49 who signed the remonstrance against it. The others present signed neither.

The papers will be kept at the agency for a month, during which time others may have the privilege of expressing their wishes. They will be forwarded to the Indian bureau at Washington.

The council yesterday developed some intense feeling. The opposition faction was composed mostly of full-bloods who are particularly opposed to any plan that would put mixed

EXISTENCE OF NEUTRALS IS ENDANGERED

Hitchcock so Declares in Urging Endorsement of President's Note to Belligerents Before Senate.

VERBAL BATTLE IN PROGRESS

Lodge Says United States Does Not Know Actual Meaning of Communication and Asks That it be Made Clear Before Any Action is Taken.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—For the fourth time the senate has been requested to vote on a resolution endorsing Wilson's note.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The very existence of neutral nations is becoming difficult, Senator Hitchcock declared in urging the endorsement of President Wilson's note. "I realize there may be two opinions of the president's suggestions, but do not believe there is any objection to endorsing the action itself. The nations are far apart and the step the president is the first to bring them nearer."

"President Wilson has not gone as far as Roosevelt did in the Japanese-Russian war. He has not asked the nations to stop war. If Roosevelt's step was justified, how much more are Wilson's efforts when the very existence of the neutrals is becoming difficult."

Borah interrupted him saying: "What good can come, what can be accomplished. The endorsement of the note will not hurt the replies of the warriors."

Smith of Georgia said: "The effect of the president's note is lost entirely if we delay longer action on the note."

The United States does not know the actual meaning of Wilson's note to belligerents and it should be made clear before congressional action on the endorsement. Lodge declared on the senate floor.

He said: "We must have time to consider what the note commits the United States to."

MAGIN AND YIYILA TAKEN BY GERMANS

Patrols Advance Into Third French Trenches in the Forest of Prit; Artillery Active on Meuse.

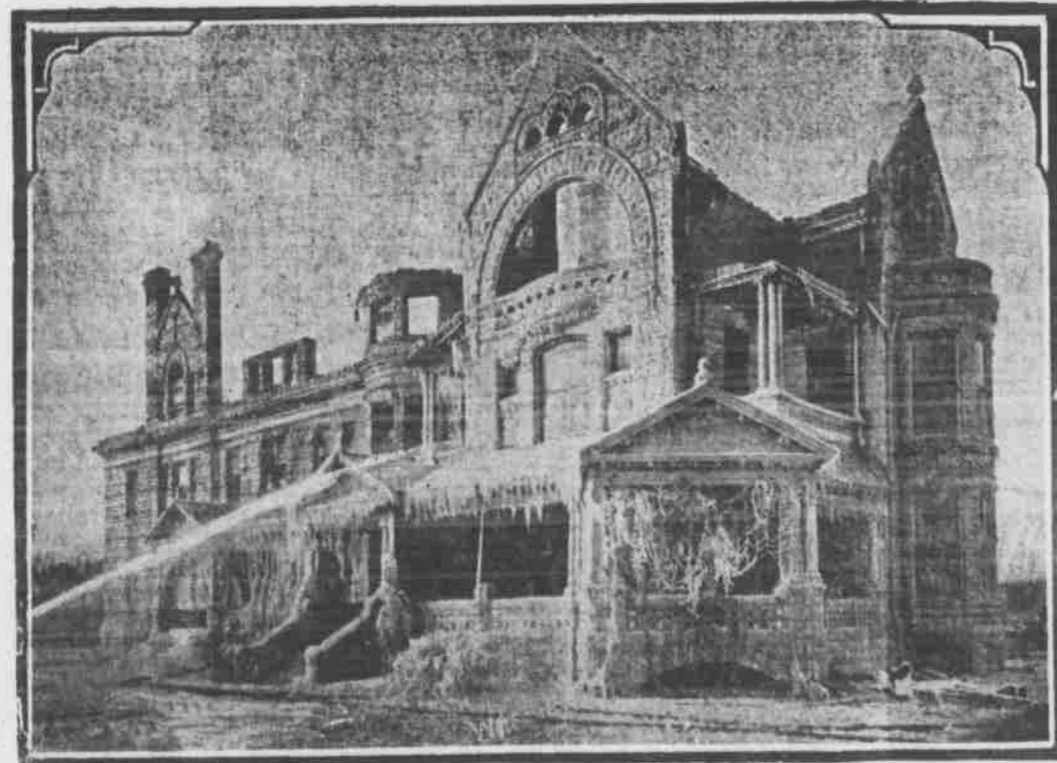
BERLIN, Jan. 3.—The capture of Magin and Yiyila are announced in the official statement.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—(Via Sayville.)—The advance of German patrols into third French trenches in the forest of Prit on the western front was officially announced today, together with twelve hundred prisoners and the destruction of defensive works.

Elsewhere on the western front there was enveloping artillery, especially on the Meuse sector.

The occupation of Barsee and Topseil in Romania by Germanic forces, was announced at the war office. Mackensen reported the capture by hand to hand fighting of the towns of Pinctoesti, Ameron and Mileeval with four hundred prisoners.

KANSAS MASONIC HOME RUINED BY FIRE



The fury of the fire and the efforts that had to be made to overcome it are shown in the ruins of the Masonic Home in Wichita, Kan., which burned with a loss of five lives and three injured. Extreme difficulty was experienced in getting the aged Masons and children from the building, as the fire spread so rapidly. Two of those who were lost were children.