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HOUSE FAVORS REPEAL TAX PUBLICATION

Votes 32 to 22 Amending Bill Repealing Delinquent Tax List Publishing Law.

SALARIES CAUSE DEBATE

Three Highway Commissioner's Pay Makes Sharp Contest; George Kelly, Commissioner of the Port of Portland.

(East Oregonian Special Wire Service.)

SALEM, Feb. 15.—The house voted thirty two to twenty one in favor of repealing the delinquent tax list publication law. It amended the bill providing for a repeal, applying it to the entire state. The bill now goes before the house. If passed it goes to the senate for a record vote.

The senate is debating the house bill providing for a new highway code. A sharp contest over the salaries to be paid the three highway commissioners is on. The joint session elected George Kelly commissioner of the Port of Portland by a vote of sixty to twenty five.

HALIFAX DESIGNATED AS POINT OF CALL BY BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—It is learned the British admiralty designated Halifax as a port of call for neutral ships leaving American ports, instead of Kirkwall. The change enables merchantmen to enter Halifax for examination. It is unnecessary to run the submarine blockade and enter Kirkwall. The change created enthusiasm here.

REBELS IN CUBA BEING DEFEATED

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—Government forces are gradually defeating the rebels. Dispatches from various parts of the island indicate desultory fighting. The rebels maintained an organization in Orient province. They were disrupted elsewhere. Government forces are mobilizing to scatter the rebels in that section.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Cuban minister handed the state department a note formally thanking the government for its attitude against the rebels. He conferred with the war department regarding sending munitions to Cuba.

Much Measles in City. Physicians report a great many cases of measles in the city and the school records show that many pupils have been out of school from this epidemic, while wide-spread is not considered serious as practically all of the cases are mild in nature.

STRATEGIC POINTS OF FORT MONROE FORTIFIED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Coast Artillerymen from Fort Mifflin started fortifying the strategic points of Cape Henry and Fisherman's Island. They are building ten inch gun platforms. They planned to complete the work in ten days, placing guns where they can easily sweep the waters, preventing submarines from approaching the bay. The gun range is nine miles.

SENTRIES GUARDING ARMORY ARE SHOT

OSWEGO, Feb. 15.—Three shots were fired at sentries guarding the state armory. A bullet grazed Private Frank Syrel. Soldiers followed the trail to the railway yards.

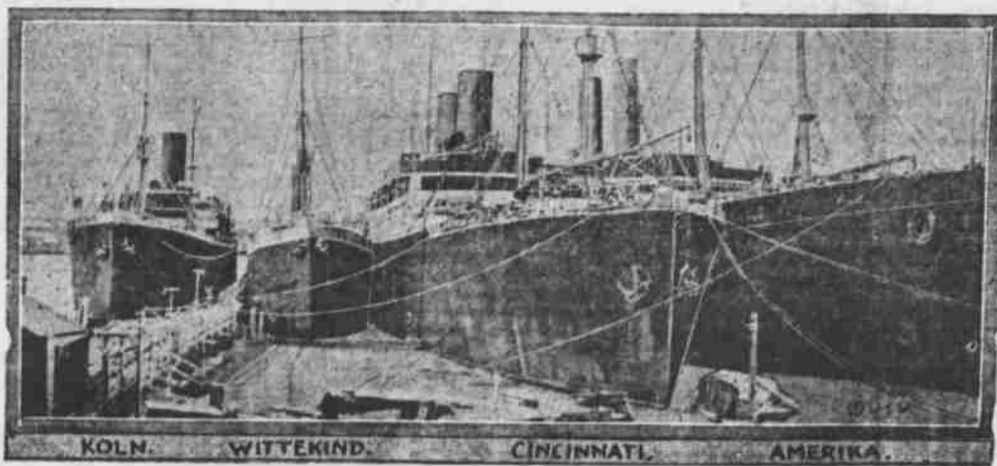
ONE AMERICAN ON SHIP SUBMARINED BY GERMANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Ambassador Page cabled that the British sailing vessel Ainsdale was submarine-sunk. The crew included one American. They were rescued following great hardships.

WILL DETERMINE STATUS OF LAW ATTACKER

ROME, Feb. 15.—American Consul Walter Treadwell is enroute to Cagliari to investigate the circumstances of the sinking of the American schooner Lerma Law. He wants to ascertain whether the submarine was German or Austrian.

INTERNED GERMAN LINERS AT BOSTON BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DAMAGED



KOLN. WITTEKIND. CINCINNATI. AMERIKA.

The collector of customs at Boston has sent word to the secretary of the treasury he has heard the interned German liners Cincinnati and Amerika have been damaged. This work is believed to have been done by German sympathizers shortly after Ambassador von Bernstorff received his passports from Secretary Lansing. There is the same report regarding the larger number of German liners interned at New York City.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS KEPT FROM ATTENDING DANCE PARTY

There was more or less of a smouldering indignation manifest in the demeanor of certain members of the high school faculty this morning, and, from the best advices obtainable, it resulted from what they interpreted as an eleventh hour edict of Supt. A. T. Park barring them from attending the dancing party given at Assembly Hall last evening by the Bachelors' Club.

Supt. Park denies that he issued any edict at all, stating that he had merely suggested to one of the teachers the inadvisability of encouraging high school dances on week nights by the attendance of faculty members. He declares that he told them to use their own judgment and that their attendance would not be held against them in any way, shape or form. The teachers' version of the affair differs from this materially. He that as it may, the faculty members, who had made all preparations to attend, suddenly changed their notions and one member, who was already at the party, was summoned home forthwith.

The Bachelors' Club is a social organization of young men of the city. While the membership is made up largely of high school boys, members stated today that it included, too, young men not in school and that the party last evening was a private one and in no sense a high school party.

Supt. Park declares he has no knowledge of the party until he had read the announcement in the paper last evening. He at once tried to communicate with various members of the faculty, he says, but only succeeded in reaching one to whom he said that he regarded the dance as an official high school party and contrary to the spirit of the ruling made by the faculty discouraging such parties on school nights. He made no edict at all, he said, and if what he said was so interpreted it was unfortunate.

He said that he had no objection to teachers attending week-night parties providing they did not make a practice of it so often that it would interfere with their school work.

PANAMA CANAL TOLLS IN 1916 SLIGHTLY BELOW 1915 FIGURE

Seven Per Cent Increase in Number of Ships, but Tonnage Averaged Less.

PANAMA, Feb. 15.—Traffic statistics for the Panama canal show that the number of ocean-going ships which made the transit through the canal in the calendar year 1916 was 1252. Their aggregate net tonnage was 3,922,862 tons, and they carried a total of 4,931,911 tons of cargo.

The number of ships was 7 per cent greater than in 1915, but in net tonnage, tolls and cargo, the record for 1916 was a little less than 1 per cent less than 1915. The two years had about the same bulk of traffic and both saw the canal closed for a period of three and a half months.

The tolls collected in 1916 were \$3,677,696.40, which was not equal to the expenses. The ships in the United States coastwise trade were slightly over 3 per cent of the aggregate tonnage in 1916. In 1915 they were one-fourth of all the traffic and in 1914 they were two-fifths. Most of the former coastwise ships have been diverted to the more profitable foreign trade.

Mrs. Harvey Improving

Mrs. John Harvey, who recently underwent an operation at St. Anthony's hospital, is reported to be improving.

Colored Folks Dance

The Pleasant Hour Club, a social organization of colored folks, held an enjoyable and largely attended dance last evening in the Moose Hall. This was the second party for which the club was responsible this season.

Baby Operated On

The infant son of James Speirs, an employe of the woolen mills, is recovering from an operation at St. Anthony's hospital.

Bath Dance at Helix

A dance to dedicate the new barn on the Emil Timmerman place near Helix is to be held tonight and a number of Pendleton people are going out.

Jammed Between Cars

Harry Forester, who is employed at the Pendleton Auto garage, got caught between two cars today and was bruised up considerably. A doctor was called but it was discovered that the injuries were not serious.

SAYS EVESTONE WAS "PROVISIONAL BRITISH COLLIER"



STEAMSHIP LEVESTONE

According to dispatches received from United States Consul Frost at Queenstown, the first official investigation of the sinking of the steamship Levestone, in which Richard Wallace, an American citizen, lost his life, has developed that the vessel was a "provisional British collier." Wallace lost his life when the submarine...

AUTO SHOW IS 'CLASS' ALL THE WAY THROUGH

One Hundred Thousand Dollars Worth of Cars and Accessories on Exhibit at First Annual Pendleton Event.

ALL DETAILS ARE PERFECT

No Pains Spared to Set Off Displays to Best Possible Advantage; 39 Pleasure Cars and Five Trucks Have Spaced

Class!

That one word tells the story of the first annual Pendleton Automobile Show which opened this afternoon at 1:30 in the Happy Canyon pavilion. The unanimous verdict of the first audience is that Manager Rieg and the men of the local auto world have fulfilled all their promises to stage a show that will further add to the lustre of the famous Pendleton spirit.

One hundred thousand dollars worth of automobiles and accessories are on exhibit at the show, and they are being exhibited in a way that shows off the beauty as well as the more practical qualities of the individual cars.

Each exhibit is enclosed by attractive panels of white fencing and above each is an illuminated sign telling the make of the car. The exhibitors have fitted up their own booths and have vied with each other in making them attractive with potted plants and flowers. Overhead is a false ceiling of blue and white panels and the walls are covered with high canvases depicting familiar scenes along the Columbia Highway.

There are on exhibit 31 different makes of pleasure cars and three makes of motor trucks. In all there are 39 pleasure cars and five trucks, all of a different model, besides 11 booths in which tires and accessories are shown.

Before the exhibitors had completed rolling down their cars, and they gave them as much attention as ever did a stable groom to the glistening coat of a thoroughbred—the pavilion began to fill up, and the opening attendance is exceeding the expectations of the promoters. Among the visitors are many automobile dealers from Portland and from cities and towns of the inland empire.

The two largest exhibitors are the Oregon Motor Garage and the Pendleton Auto Co. which have the biggest part of the central floor space. The exhibit of the former shows a Packard Six Touring Car, a Packard Club Roadster, a Hudson Super Six, a Buick Light Six, a Buick stripped chassis showing the split motor and head valve, and two Saxon Sixes. In the Pendleton Auto Company's space are a Franklin Sedan, a Franklin Car, a Franklin chassis showing the famous "V" engine, a Federal truck, a Buick Six, a Reo Four and Reo Six. The Pendleton Auto Co. is also exhibiting a Republic 2-4 ton truck and Republic 2-ton truck, while the Oregon Motor Garage is exhibiting a G. M. C. 3-1-2 ton truck. In the truck department also appears a Federal truck.

Near the entrance to the left is the exhibit of Lou Sutton, consisting of a Paige Touring Car and a Paige Convertible Roadster. The latter, however, will not arrive until tomorrow. It is something new in automobiles and will attract much attention.

Following down the left wall are the exhibits of C. H. Torrance, consisting of a Jeffery Enclosed Winter Car and a Jeffery Touring Car, the McCook & Bentley exhibit, consisting of a Maxwell Five Passenger Car and a Maxwell stripped chassis, and the Allen-Knight exhibit of two Studsbaer Touring Cars, a Cole Eight and a Dorr.

In the southeast corner is the exhibit of the Simpson Auto Co., consisting of a Ford Roadster and Touring Car, a Chevrolet Roadster and Touring Car and a split motor. Next comes the exhibit of Ralph Temple three beautiful Winton Sixes, two being touring cars and one a roadster. Adjoining it is an Oakland Six exhibited by the Rind Auto Co. of Pilot Rock.

At the right of the entrance is the exhibit of the Pendleton Cadillac Auto Co., consisting of a Cadillac Eight, a Cadillac stripped chassis, a Dodge Bros. Touring Car, and a Chandler Club Roadster. Adjoining it is Jack Childreth's exhibit of a Chalmers Six Roadster and a Chalmers Touring Car.

In that part of the pavilion used by Happy Canyon for her gambling games are the exhibits of tires and accessories. The Pendleton Auto Co. has the largest space for the display of Montgomery oils and a Good Storage battery station. Hanley & Co. and

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GERMANY'S TALK OF PEACE IS BIG BLUFF OFFICIALS DECLARE

DECLARE GERMANY FINANCES PEACE PROPOGANDA ATTEMPTING TO FORESTALL WILSON'S NEXT ACTION UNTIL SUBMARINES ARE READY TO STRIKE AMERICA IN EVENT OF WAR; ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN GERMANY VERY STRONG; U. S. CONSULS DETAINED; AMERICAN WOMEN SEARCHED.

(CARL ACKERMAN.)

PARIS, Feb. 15.—(Copyrighted.)—American officials close in touch with the Berlin situation said Germany is financing the peace propaganda in attempting to forestall President Wilson's next action until her submarines are ready to strike America in event of war.

Officials view suspiciously Germany's attempt to start negotiations through the Swiss minister. They believe the move is merely an expedient to gain time while starting a peace agitation in the United States.

James W. Gerard is sending Washington an emphatic warning that the Overseas News Agency is being used to mould American opinion. The official press bureau colors the Berlin dispatches. I can state positively that the German censor repeated halted the United Press and Associated Press messages. Meanwhile they sent through the Overseas Agency information directly contrary to the correspondents' dispatches.

Censors have concealed the fact that Germany attempted to force Gerard to sign an agreement guaranteeing German vessels safe conduct home from American ports in event of war. Censorship concealed the real developments and withheld the facts of an active anti-American propaganda, of anti-American speeches at the reichstag, and that prominent German leaders financed anti-American and anti-Gerard agitation. The statesman also fiercely assailed Wilson.

American consuls detained. German press departments are centering their efforts on convincing Americans of war's horrors, on the theory the Americans are cowards and do not dare to fight. Germany is detaining American consuls. None have reached the border. They stripped, bathed and searched the wives of three prominent American officials.

German army and navy officials have frequently said the United States should enter the war as the nation was unneutral, anyhow. German papers caricatured Wilson selling munitions over the counter under John Bull's orders. Before the correspondents left the Berlin foreign office believed Americans very "excitable" and held if Germany controlled dispatches for a few days Americans would forget the submarine blockade and force Wilson to remain neutral.

Think Wilson Pro-Ally. Before Gerard departed, the officials requested him not to allow correspondents to telegraph Berlin developments. Special envoys advised Germany that Wilson represents financial and munitions interests. They said congress would not support war. The Germans believe Wilson is pro-Ally.

The average German thinks American international politics are bluff. They were immeasurably delighted because other neutrals refused to join in the diplomatic relations break.

Gerard Held 3 Days. The German official wireless spread an interview with Baron Von Stumm, explaining that Gerard's departure was delayed while his passports were prepared. The story greatly incensed Gerard. I can state positively that Germany held Gerard from Monday until Saturday, despite his urgent requests for permission to depart.

American Women Searched. Weeks ago Gerard vigorously complained to the foreign office because the Germans were searching American women at the border. The military is supreme. The foreign office is powerless. American officials believe Zimmerman is responsible for the many anti-American plans. He showed a bitter, nervous attitude toward Wilson. Shortly before my departure Zimmerman asked me to work in behalf of peace when I returned to America.

MANY BELIEVE FLAG EPISODE IS GRAVEST AFFRONT SINCE THE RUPTURE WITH GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Gerard officially advised the state department that Germany forced American Minister Whitlock to lower the flag from the Brussels embassy, cut Whitlock's communications with Washington and detained all American relief workers in Belgium. The state department also received official information that Germany had attempted to force Gerard to ratify the Prussian-American treaty, under penalty of holding American newspapermen as hostages.

Officials are fast losing hope that actual war will be avoided. Germany has abandoned all caution. Her treatment of Whitlock has made the situation the gravest since relations were broken. The government will probably demand an explanation through the Swiss minister. Germany has not replied to the administration's Yarrowdale prisoners inquiry.

Austrian Break Near. The Austrian break is believed near. The government preparations are being rushed. The national defense council meets daily. It is secretly planned to guard all railroads and mobilize munitions. A remarkable intelligence system has been perfected. Germany's continued ruthless destruction of neutral ships has helped kill the hopes for continued peace. The Austrian submarines apparent entrance into the situation by the torpedoing of the American schooner Law, has further dimmed hope. The Law sinking was unwarranted as it carried no contraband.

The United States business is crippling on account of the blockade. President Wilson intends to proceed deliberately. The acknowledgment of German misdeeds and the belief that negotiations will steadily increase is gradually forcing Wilson to take the next step.

COWBOYS TO RESCUE KIDNAPED MORMONS

Band of Fifty Will Enter Mexico; Two Americans Reported Slain at Itsach on New Mexico Border.

HACHITA, Feb. 15.—Fifty cowboys departed to rescue the three Americans who in handlets are holding captives following the border raid. The cowboys intend to enter Mexico. It is unconfirmedly reported Mexicans killed two Americans at Itach on the New Mexico border.

WHEAT STRONGER IN CHICAGO NOW

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Hange of prices today:

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Rows for May, July, and Portland. Values range from \$1.71 to \$1.74.