

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR ARMED NEUTRALITY

LINER LACONIA IS SUBMARINED; SIX AMERICANS REPORTED TO BE ABOARD

BIG VESSEL IS SUNK WITHOUT BEING WARNED

One Life Said to Have Been Lost; 278 Survivors are Enroute to Queenstown.

CONTRABAND CARGO CARRIED

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 26.—Fifteen Laconia survivors were landed. They reported that several were injured. The Laconia's crew included twenty Americans. Cunard officials said the vessel carried unloaded ammunition with no explosives.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Late this afternoon Cunard offices issued the statement that eight Americans were Laconia passengers including Floyd Gibbons, war correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. The list of Americans included Mrs. F. E. Harris of New York; Arthur P. Kirby of New York; Phyllis Barker, New York; Reverend Joseph Wreing, Mrs. Mary E. Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy. There were three first cabin passengers and forty two second class.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Consul Frost cabled the state department officially confirming the Laconia sinking. He said: "The Cunard liner Laconia was torpedoed and sunk February twenty fifth. A hundred and fifty miles west of Fastnet. The details are unknown. Two hundred seventy survivors will land here today. It is known some are missing. One is dead."

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The eighteen thousand ton Cunard liner Laconia was submarined off the Irish coast, Sunday night. She is the biggest victim since submarining started February first. The Laconia was enroute from New York to England. She carried American mails. Consul Frost of Queenstown reported 278 survivors were enroute to Queenstown and Bantry, Ireland. The Cunard offices declared she was torpedoed without warning. He stated no Americans were aboard.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A cablegram to the local Cunard offices said one life was lost in the Laconia torpedoing. The office declared six Americans were aboard. The Laconia carried a contraband cargo. She started her voyage February eighteenth.

NAVAL BATTLE IN NORTH SEA

LONDON, Feb. 26.—It is announced British and German destroyer squadrons fought Sunday at midnight in the North Sea. After the heavy engagement of guns and torpedoes the British remained undamaged. The extent of the enemy damage is unknown.

MANGLED REMAINS UNKNOWN MAN ARE STREWN OVER TRACK FOR DISTANCE OF 60 MILES

Coroner Brown said this afternoon he believed the dead man was Philip Miller. Letters addressed to this name were found upon the body. They were sent him from the east and indicate he was headed toward western Oregon. The watchdog in the view of the coroner had been secured from someone else.

J. E. A.—born at Silverton, 1898—was the identifying mark on the watchdog of a man who was killed by train No. 5 at Kamela early this morning. His dismembered body being strewn from Kamela to the terminal at Rieth, a distance of about 40 miles.

The head of the man was picked up at Porter, a spur west of Meacham, one arm, a shoulder and the backbone were found at Meacham, part of the body at Kamela and one leg was found near the baggage car of train No. 5 when it arrived at Rieth. Evidently the unknown was stealing a ride on the passenger train and fell underneath the wheels of the train at Kamela, possibly having been derailed by the collision.

The scattered portions of the body were found by a freight train following No. 5. The first discovery was made at Meacham and T. F. O'Brien was notified of the affair. An investigation at Rieth gave the trainmen their first news of the accident.

Coroner Brown went to Meacham this morning to investigate and hold an inquest if necessary.

The dead man had light colored hair and, if the watchdog he was wearing was his own, he was not a youth. The dog was a Round-Up souvenir saddle dog and aside from the inscription, "J. E. A., born at Silverton, 1898," bore the date June 17, 1915, and the wording R. P. D., Box No. 6 or 101, the figures being partly obliterated.

Coroner Brown arrived back in Pendleton on No. 17. He was able to find other parts of the body at Huron and just the other side of Kamela where the accident took place. He learned that the young man was in La Grande yesterday and stated that he lived in Silverton, Ore., and was going back to that city.

The coroner thinks there is no question but that he was heading his way from his clothing were found. Mr. Brown expects to be able to learn of his identity this afternoon.

MRS. L. C. WARREN CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Lucinda Caroline Warren, mother of H. M. Warren of the Warren Music House, died Saturday at the home of her son, 404 Thompson street, following an illness due to her advanced years. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at the Brown chapel, the services being conducted by Rev. J. E. Snyder of the Presbyterian church.

The deceased was the daughter of W. T. and Mary Downes and was born at Erie, Penn., Sept. 26, 1845. She was married to A. M. Warren in 1862 at Erie. Mr. Warren died about five years ago. H. M. Warren is her only surviving child and his own serious illness prevented him from attending the funeral.

Mrs. Warren was a member of Gordon Grand Relief Corps No. 34 of Portland. She was one of the first members of the W. C. T. U. and a life-long worker for the cause of temperance. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church for a number of years.

MISS M'ADOO TO WED DIPLOMAT



MISS NONA M'ADOO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo, daughter of the president, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nona Haeleburnt McAdoo to Ferdinand de Mohrenchildt, second secretary of the Imperial Russian embassy at Washington.

P. H. S. BOYS LOSE ALL 3 BASKETBALL GAMES

Wallowa, La Grande and Enterprise Victors Over Local Boys.

The P. H. S. boys basketball team returned home from their trip over the mountains with unpleasant memories of high altitudes, snow, small towns and defeat dealt out to them by La Grande, Wallowa and Enterprise.

However, the boys stated they were very well treated at the towns where they played and that they had very good sports to play on except at Enterprise where, it is said, there wasn't room on the floor for an umpire and referee at the same time the teams were playing. The last game of the season will be with La Grande here on March 2.

At this game the high school team means to forget all past defeats and end the season with some "pep."

ELEVEN CANDIDATES FOR MOST POPULAR MODEL ARE IN RACE

Preparations for Big Community Style Show Are Being Rushed to Completion.

Candidates for the most popular local model in the Community Style Show are Mrs. Wade Privat, Mildred Guyll, Gladys Slaughter, Inez Hall, Lucia Calloway, Martha Hudson, Hazel Gillette, Nayden Hickey, Claire McDonald, Gwyneth Baldwin, Catherine Cahill.

They're off! The contest for the most popular local model in Pendleton's big Community Style Show that

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GERMANY TRYING TO FORCE DUTCH INTO WAR TO GET FOOD

Believed That Torpedoing of Seven Dutch Ships Last Week Was Deliberate Plot to Force Issue

(RED L. KEENE)

LONDON, Feb. 26.—It is believed Germany deliberately plotted the torpedoing of seven Dutch ships last week as she wants to force war and raid Dutch food supplies. Large German forces have been mysteriously massed on the Netherlands border.

It is reliably learned that the Dutch steamers Minoda, Bandoeng, Zaandijk and Eemland were not sunk but were badly damaged by torpedoes. They were towed into port. The crews returned to Palmouth after telling the Dutch consul all the circumstances.

PREPARING FOR THE GRIM SIDE OF WAR



ENROLLING RED CROSS NURSES

The Red Cross was one of the first organizations in this country to begeth with Germany. A call was issued for 10,000 nurses and they are flocking to the colors in great numbers.

ADDRESSES THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS IN APPEAL FOR POWER

Declares He is Not Proposing War or Any Step Leading Warward; German Offenses Called Unwarranted Infringements of Neutral Rights; Urges Patriotic Union.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The house and senate foreign committees hurriedly convened this afternoon to discuss President Wilson's proposals. It is understood Chairman Flood proposed a tentative resolution empowering the president to arm merchantmen and appropriating a hundred million dollar emergency fund.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—President Wilson asked the joint session of congress to give him authority to arm American merchantmen and take other means necessary to protect American lives and interests on the high seas. He wants a patriotic union of all opposing forces to present a united front to Germany. He did not ask for a war declaration, but merely armed neutrality. He said the German offenses against the United States indicated the Kaiser's determination to continue ruthless submarining. He declared the submarining of the American ship Law disclosed a "ruthless method deserving of grave condemnation."

MUST PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES.
He said the United States must protect American lives in the midst of the present trying circumstances. He said diplomatic means had failed to preserve neutral rights against Germany's unwarranted infringements. He devoutly hoped it would be unnecessary to "put the armed forces anywhere into action."
He said: "I am not proposing war or any steps that may be leading warward. I am a friend of peace. I mean to preserve peace as long as I am able." He said war would only come through Germany's act. He asked for sufficient credit to enable him to provide adequate means of protection.
Chairman Flood immediately called a meeting of the house foreign affairs committee. It will consider a bill giving the president the necessary powers.

SERIOUS SHIPPING CONGESTION.
President Wilson said: "Gentlemen of congress. I have again asked the privilege of addressing you because we are moving in critical times. It seems my duty to keep in close touch with both houses. On February third I informed you of Germany's sudden, unexpected action. That submarine policy has now been operative for four weeks.
"The practical results are not yet fully disclosed. The commerce of other neutrals is suffering severely. I have asked the cooperation of other neutrals to prevent deprivations. So far none has thought it wise to join us. Our own commerce is suffering from apprehension. Many American ships are timidly keeping in home ports.

LAW SINKING WAS RUTHLESS.
"Two American ships have been sunk, the Housatonic and the Law. The submarine safeguarded the Housatonic's crew. The Law case disclosed ruthlessness deserving of grave condemnation. The general situation is the same as on February third except for the congestion of our shipping. American ship owners are unwilling to risk their vessels without adequate protection. A very serious congestion has resulted which is growing rapidly worse.

NO OVERT ACT HAS YET OCCURRED.
"An overt act has not occurred. However, German press authorities indicate that our vessels were spared through fortunate circumstances rather than on account of the submarine commanders' instructions. It would be foolish to deny the situation is fraught with gravest possibilities and dangers. No thoughtful man can fail to see that the necessity for action may come anytime. It would be most imprudent to remain unprepared.
"I feel I ought to obtain full and immediate assurance of authority. No one doubts our duty. We must defend our commerce and lives with discretion and a clear steadfast purpose. I am sure the people will understand the spirit in which I act.

PUTS TRUST IN AMERICAN PEOPLE.
"The form in which action may be necessary is unforeseen as yet. I believe the people are willing to trust me to act with restraint and will act in the true spirit of amity and good faith the people themselves have displayed during these trying months. In that belief I request you to authorize me to supply your merchant ships with defensive arms if it becomes necessary, also to employ all instrumentalities and methods which may be necessary to protect our ships in legitimate peaceful pursuits on the high seas.

"We are thinking of fundamental human rights rather than material interests. There can be no civilization without human rights. We must protect the lives of men peacefully working and keep the world's industrial processes going and the lives of women and children. I cannot imagine any American with American principles at heart hesitating to defend these things."

PRESIDENT WORKS ALL DAY SUNDAY ON MESSAGE
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, conferred with President Wilson this morning regarding the unusual congressional situation. The president worked throughout Sunday preparing his message. He abandoned his customary church services and worked in his study. He called Tammany to the White House early this morning and read him the message. Tammany sent the message to the public printer at nine forty-five. The joint session resumed was sent Senator Kern and Representative Kitchen at 10 o'clock. The president's action today will fulfill the promise made to congress February 2 when he announced the severance of relations. Apparently the president considers that the accumulated German offenses constitute an actual "overt act."