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# GERMANY AGAIN TAKES TOLL FROM AMERICA

## LONG SESSION LOOMS BEFORE NEXT CONGRESS

### President's Message Will be Sharply Militant With Demands for Much Legislation

#### SCOPE MAY BE INCREASED

Developments between now and April 16 may enlarge Wilson's preparedness program; fight on railroad law may be precipitated.

(ROBERT J. BENDLER.) WASHINGTON, March 14.—It is learned President Wilson's message to the next session of congress will be sharply militant. It will urge legislation in connection with arming merchantmen, universal military training, army appropriations and conservation measures enabling the government to use public lands and mineral resources. The president plans to ask immediate extension of the shipping board's powers on account of the critical maritime situation.

**May Increase Scope.** Developments before April sixteen may increase the scope of the president's preparedness program. Wilson will ask congress to increase the national banking system's gold reserve to meet the unusual circumstances existing in the financial situation. He will ask the appropriation of West Point funds and will increase the personnel of the interstate commerce commission. Undoubtedly congress will remain in session all summer. If the supreme court declares the Adamson law unconstitutional, Wilson will ask new railroad legislation and precipitate a long, bitter fight.

## FOUR CENT DROP IN MAY BIDDING

CHICAGO, March 14.—(Special to the East Oregonian).—Range of wheat prices today: Open, High, Low, Close. May \$1.81 1/2 \$1.82 1/2 \$1.75 1/2 \$1.77. July \$1.84 1/2 \$1.85 1/2 \$1.81 1/2 \$1.82 1/2.

PORTLAND, Ore. March 14.—(Special).—Cld \$1.57; blossom \$1.65.

Seattle Man is Curious. Willard Brown, of Hermiston who is here today, has just received a letter from a Seattle friend in which pointed inquiries are made regarding Pendleton. After asking resolution questions as to the city's population and development the letter says, "Is the Pendleton mayor a bootlegger; have you a preacher who will take a \$1000 bribe." Mr. Brown states he is unable to answer the questions from his own knowledge and therefore wishes the facts so he may lay them before his friend.

Takes Walls Walla Position. Carl Hopf, for the next two and a half years buyer for Sayres in this city will leave in the morning for Walla Walla where he has accepted a position with Gardner's, the progressive department store of that city.

## CHINA BREAKS WITH GERMANY

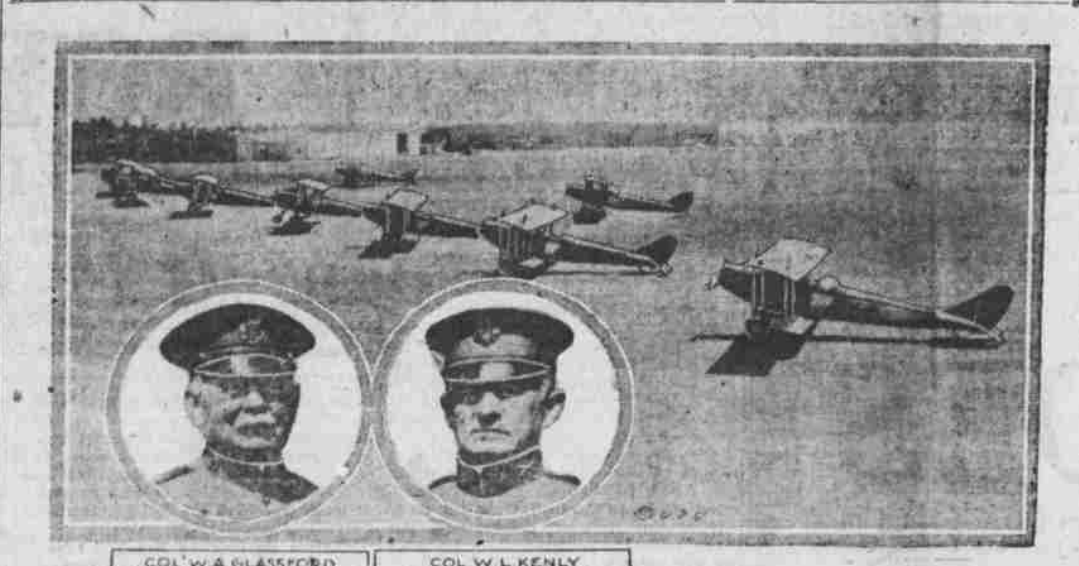
WASHINGTON, March 14.—The navy department has learned officially that China has broken diplomatic relations with Germany. China seized six German merchantmen in the Shanghai harbor. She brought the crews ashore and placed armed guards aboard.

## COMMERCE COMMISSION MAKES RULE FAVORING THE INTERIOR

Pendleton Along With Other Inland Points in Line to Gain; Portland Views Decision as Heavy Blow.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has placed before all railroads concerned proposals looking to the permanent solution of the intermountain rate cases. The plan provides for the abolition of preferential rates in existence for many years on many articles of westbound transcontinental freight to Pacific coast ports. Existing rates on a wide range of commodities from eastern cities to Pacific coast ports are found unreasonably low and adjustment would be effected under the proposed plan by raising through rates and prescribing proportional rates to intermediate points. Present through rates on a long list of articles, including brass, bronze and copper goods, electrical goods, certain iron products, pulp, wood, lumber,

## ARMY OFFICERS NOW BUSY AT SAN DIEGO AVIATION SCHOOL



Colonel W. A. Glassford, commander of the United States Army Aviation School at North Island, near San Diego, Cal., and his executive officer, Colonel W. L. Kenly, have become very busy since the United States broke with Germany. They have plans to turn out about 200 aviators a year, but in case of hostilities this number would have to be increased many fold. The scene shows army aviators on the practice field at the school.

## BIDS FOR SIX NEW CRUISERS AUTHORIZED

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The navy department has authorized bids ranging from \$5,950,000 to \$6,120,000 for the six newly authorized scout cruisers. Contracts shipyards at Philadelphia offered to build two scout cruisers for \$5,950,000. The Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company offered to construct one cruiser for \$5,975,000. The Union Iron Works at San Francisco bid six million. The bidders want government cooperation in getting materials.

## BAUPAME IS DOOMED CITY

(W. P. SIMS.) WITH THE BRITISH ARMY. March 14.—Bapame is doomed. Hindenburg called the city "another Gibraltar," but it probably will fall before the end of the week. The Germans have surrendered Louper woods.

## GERMAN COMMERCE RAIDER REPORTED IN INDIAN OCEAN

TOKIO, March 14.—It is officially announced that a German commerce raider is operating in the Indian ocean. It destroyed an unidentified Fukai Maru steamer en route to India. Australian naval authorities said the raider carried aeroplanes. She has lurked near Colombo since the latter part of February. Japanese official statements said the big Anglo-Japanese fleet was searching for the raider. All shipping has been warned.

## Uncle George Webb Ill.

Mrs. Frank Frazier was called to La Grande last evening to attend her father, "Uncle George" Webb, who is reported to be seriously ill. Mr. Webb, who is past 90 years old and who was formerly state treasurer, has made Pendleton his home off and on for many years.

## Short Board Meeting.

The school board held a very short meeting last evening. Nothing was done except the auditing of bills. The election of teachers will not take place, in all probability, until the May meeting.

## Appointed O-W. Physicians.

The O-W. R. & N. Co. has just appointed Drs. F. E. Boyden and H. J. Kravanshuk as company physicians and surgeons for the Pendleton division. On account of the new terminal yards at Riech the company decided to employ two Pendleton doctors instead of one as in the past. Dr. R. E. Ringo has served as the company's physician here for some years but his retirement from the local field left a vacancy.

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## GERARD ARRIVES AT WASHINGTON; SUBMITS REPORT

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Ambassador Gerard arrived this afternoon, met by a big crowd of cheering friends. Officials greeted him. Gerard seemed the happiest. His wife waved to the crowds and movie operators. Gerard immediately received from the white house a memorandum asking him not to comment on the German situation until he transmits a full report to the state department. Secret service men surrounded the ambassador who went directly to the Shoreham hotel.

Gerard said he might issue a statement later this afternoon. He did not indicate its nature. He issued the following statement to newspapermen: "Gentlemen, of course you realize the delicacy of my position. Whatever information I have in my possession with reference to the international situation will be first transmitted to the government. It would be most unwise for me to publicly discuss any phase." He kept secluded in his room except during luncheon.

## Attachment Suit Filed.

An attachment suit was filed today by the Oregon Lumber Yard against Guy R. O'Melveny. Defendant is alleged to be indebted to plaintiff in the sum of \$411.42. W. M. Peterson is attorney for plaintiff.

## Sues for Divorce.

Alleging that his wife, Lena, deserted him in Portland in September, 1914, and took their two children to Wisconsin, Wymarr Ogan has brought suit for divorce through his attorney, W. M. Peterson. He asks for the custody of the children.

## New Shipment of Sugar.

The fifth shipment of sugar for Pendleton in ten days is due to arrive today and the sugar shortage which became acute for a short time is entirely relieved. In the five carloads there have been 2240 sacks.

## 27,000 Licenses Issued.

Nearly 27,000 licenses for motor vehicles were issued by the secretary of state during January, according to the registration list received today by local officials.

## Administratrix Appointed.

G. E. York has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Stephen Smith.

## Mrs. Cyrus to Hospital.

Mrs. Carl Cyrus was taken to St. Anthony's hospital last night for treatment. She is reported to be quite ill.

## Schools Are Closing.

The six and seven months schools of the county are beginning to close for the year, according to Supt. Young.

## Change in Services.

The Christian church has changed choir practice this week from Thursday night to Wednesday night, and prayer meeting from Wednesday night to Thursday night.

## ALGONQUIN CASE WILL NOT MEAN IMMEDIATE WAR

CARL GROAT. WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Algonquin sinking has confirmed the administration in the belief that German ruthlessness will affect American shipping but has not changed the general situation. Armed ships constitute the United States' defense of Germany's illegal sea methods. This sinking has convinced authorities that Germany does not intend to modify her submarines. The Algonquin left New York with the Rochester and was unarmed.

It is generally believed the sinking does not mean war immediately. The state department officials regarded the case as most serious. The government is taking all possible steps. Affidavits from survivors of the Norwegian steamer Storstad confirmed previous reports that Germany disregarded the Belgian relief flag. The government has learned that submarines are operating nights.

## THE RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the proposed six million dollar bond issue provides a solution for the building of a system of permanent highways for the state of Oregon without any additional direct tax upon the people, and Whereas, the adoption of said proposed bond issue is the greatest progressive move yet suggested and is of the utmost importance to every citizen and taxpayer of Oregon. It is therefore, resolved, that the Eastern Oregon Highway Association at its first meeting does hereby pledge its support toward the approval of this act at the special election June 4, 1917.

At the most enthusiastic good roads meeting ever held in Umatilla county, attended by delegations from all parts of the county, the Eastern Oregon Highway Association was formed last evening in this city, a permanent organization perfected and resolutions adopted in indorsement of the six million dollar bond issue and pledging active support for its adoption at the special election June 4.

David H. Nelson, prominent farmer, was elected president of the organization and Hugh Murray, manager of the Peacock Milling company at Free-water, was chosen vice president. The president was empowered to appoint a secretary-treasurer and a board of directors, consisting of one representative citizen from each town in the county.

An active campaign of education is to be carried on through the organization in all parts of the county, and it is the intention to extend it into other eastern Oregon counties.

The meeting was called by the streets and roads committee of the Pendleton Commercial association and invitations were sent to all commercial and farm organizations in the county. Strong delegations were present from Pilot Rock, Hermiston, Stanfield, Adams, Milton and Free-water. Many prominent farmers, county Judge Marsh, Commissioner Cookburn and W. L. Thompson, member of the state highway commission, were also among those in attendance.

## PRESIDENT WILL HALT BROTHERHOODS STRIKE ORDER IT IS BELIEVED

### Will Probably Act After Tomorrow's Meeting of Trainmen Chiefs and Railroad Managers.

## PROGRESSIVE STRIKE PLANNED

Brotherhoods say Walkout Will Not Greatly Inconvenience Country But Situation in Chicago Appears Extremely Serious.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The railway managers committee and brotherhood chiefs met separately preparing for the general session tomorrow. A strike may follow tomorrow's meeting.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—It is believed President Wilson intends to halt the railroad strike orders. He will probably act after tomorrow's meeting of the brotherhood chiefs and railway managers at New York. Wilson's condition is better but he is still very weak.

The brotherhoods are determined to strike unless the railroads submit. They say a progressive strike will not greatly inconvenience the public. The railroads are determined not to act until the supreme court decides on the Adamson law. They claim the brotherhoods promised Wilson to delay action until the law was decided. The unions have issued a circular declaring the mail train crews have the right to strike.

## Chicago Will Be Hard Hit.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Strike orders disclosed that Chicago would suffer severely from the start. The first group of railroads affected handle the greater portion of Chicago shipping. They include Chicago.

## NEWLY FORMED EASTERN OREGON HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT OF ROAD BOND ISSUE

Unanimous Endorsement. The sentiment of those present was unanimously in favor of the bonding measure. A more harmonious meeting would be difficult to conceive, as not one discordant note was sounded. Representatives of the various sections of the county brought in word that their communities were lining up almost solidly behind the measure. The Weston Commercial club, which had no representative present, telephoned down that at a meeting there last evening the measure was endorsed. It was announced also that the Pilot Rock Commercial club had taken similar action, invitations were extended by Weston, Milton, Free-water, Pilot Rock, Hermiston and Stanfield to conduct meetings in those towns and they were accepted. The first meeting will be at Weston next Tuesday evening, and Commissioner Thompson, Representative Ritter and the officers of the organization were appointed to attend.

Thompson Presents Arguments. Commissioner Thompson was the principal speaker of the evening. He explained the general provisions of the bonding measure.

The principal arguments which he presented in favor of the bonding measure were as follows: No additional direct tax will be required to retire the bonds when they mature, the automobile license tax and the quarter-mile state road tax which the state has been paying for four years, being entirely adequate.

Not one cent of the \$6,000,000 will be spent within the confines of Multnomah county, though that county pays 28 per cent of the state tax and 40 per cent of the auto license tax.

The building of permanent trunk highways by state aid will enable the county courts to spend their road money on the feeder roads.

The act provides that 40 per cent of the money for post roads shall be spent east of the Cascades.

Mr. Thompson, as well as Representative of a lifetime for the securing of good roads without burdening the taxpayer.

## County Court Favors.

Judge Marsh and Commissioner Cookburn strongly endorsed the measure.

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## U. S. STEAMER SUNK WITHOUT BEING WARNED

### Algonquin, Enroute to London Carrying Foodstuffs, Submerged Monday.

## ALL OF CREW ARE SAVED

### U-Boat Refuses to Aid Lifeboats; Cargo Worth Over a Million, Half of Which Belonged to Swift and Co.

LONDON, March 14.—The American steamer Algonquin was submerged without warning Monday. She was enroute to London carrying foodstuffs. Captain Nordberg cabled that twenty seven American sailors were saved. There were no casualties. The submarine refused to assist the lifeboats. The Algonquin sailed from Brooklyn February 20. She carried cargo from Swifts worth half a million and had an additional general cargo of seven hundred thousand dollars. The chief engineer was F. Schultz, a naturalized American. Each sailor received a war bonus before starting. The Algonquin flew the American Star line flag.

When W. L. Thompson, highway commissioner, speaks in La Grande Friday evening on the six million dollar bond issue at the auto show, he will have an audience not alone composed of La Grande people but of people from Baker and other eastern Oregon cities.

## LA GRANDE SHOW TO BOOST GOOD ROADS PROGRAM

In a telephone message to the East Oregonian this morning Joe Riech, manager of the automobile show, stated that invitations had been sent to Baker, Union, Enterprise, Walla Walla and other cities to have a representative at the meeting which Mr. Thompson will address. Response had just been received from Secretary Meacham of the Baker Commercial Club to the effect that a delegation of 30 business men of that city would attend. The other cities are also expected to respond, and a routing meeting is anticipated.

Pendleton has likewise been invited to send over a delegation and some of the automobile men are working toward setting up a party to go over.

## Carload of Paster Shipped.

The W. C. T. U. ladies today shipped a carload of old paper to Portland and expect to receive for it a neat sum for use in state and local work. The shipment consisted of 11 tons, all of which was collected about the city. The ladies will collect another carload still and ask that those having old paper notify them.

## ACTION HINGES ON PRESENCE OF MAYOR J. A. BEST

Whether or not the matter of Mayor Best's resignation or removal from the chairmanship of the police committee will come before the council this evening depends somewhat upon whether the mayor is present. He has not yet returned from his trip upon which he left last Friday and, unless he returns this evening, he cannot attend the meeting.

Members of the council stated today that they would prefer not to consider the matter until the mayor is present to answer any charges that might be made against him. At the caucus at which the break came he is said to have promised to be present for the regular meeting this evening.

As a result of the disclosure made, a number of women interested in law enforcement were said to have decided to investigate and may be present this evening.

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