

# TEUTONS MAKE BLOODIEST AIR RAID OF WAR

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### BERLIN GIVEN CHANCE TO MINE THE HARBOR

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The greatest spy hunt since the civil war is on today. Every investigating agent of the government is engaged in ferretting out the person who "tipped" to Germany the news that American torpedo destroyers had left for Europe in time for submarines to mine the port on their arrival.

Four days before the American destroyer flotilla arrived abroad, Berlin knew it was on the way and to what port it was going and the day before the vessels steamed into Queenstown, German submarines had strewn mines about the harbor entrance.

This startling information, revealing that German spies not only still are at work in this country, but that they have a swift and sure means of communicating America's war secrets to the fatherland came to the navy department today in a telegram from Rear-Admiral Sims at London.

### DENIES \$6000 WAS LOANED TO THOMAS

Creath Continues He Agreed to Finance Sheep Transaction and Thomas Was to Find a Market.  
That he did not merely loan \$6000 to Fred T. Thomas in connection with the deal for 4000 head of sheep purchased from the Pendleton Sheep Co. is declared by J. W. Creath, of Portland, the man who lost out in a sensational bet to at Echo Tuesday night wherein \$54,000 in gold, shipped up from Portland, played a sensational part.

The following is in part a story from the Portland Oregonian of this morning:  
"Mr. Thomas' explanation of the episode is that he borrowed the \$6000 paid on the original contract from Mr. Creath, giving the contract as collateral and that Mr. Creath, having possession of the contract, attempted to complete the purchase to take advantage of the advance in the market."  
"Mr. Creath steadfastly denies that the money was intended as a loan. He says he agreed to finance the transaction and that Mr. Thomas was to find the market for the sheep. They were to split the profit."  
"I never expected that they were going to ask me to produce \$54,000 in cash when business of that kind always is done by draft," he remonstrated last night.

"He figures that he has lost at least \$5000 on the deal and doesn't like it a little bit."  
"Mr. Thomas, who is still in Pendleton, is emphatic in the statement he gave the sheep purchase contract to Creath merely as security. In this he is upheld by various local parties who were in touch with the case."

### RED CROSS WINDOW EXHIBIT NEXT WEEK

Local stores donate window space for display of work done and attempted by Umatilla Chapter.

In order to give Pendleton and Umatilla county people an opportunity to see just what is being done by the members of the Red Cross with the funds raised here in the county, the Umatilla county chapter will next week give public displays and demonstrations of the work.

Exhibits of the articles purchased and made up by the local Red Cross will be kept in the windows of the Pendleton Drug Store, the Peoples Warehouse, Alexanders and Sayes all week and each afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4, save only on Decoration Day, demonstrations by various ladies will be given in the windows of the features of first aid work, such as the making of bandages and surgical dressings.

### JAPAN DRAWING OUT VERITABLE TIDE OF GOLD FROM THE U.S.

Purposes Are Not Clear; Situation Arousing Some Anxiety; Official Checking Export Closely.  
WASHINGTON, May 26.—From the maze of war perplexities arose something akin to anxiety over the veritable tide of gold from the United States. The purposes are not clear.

Almost \$15,000,000 in gold has been exported to Japan in the last four weeks, \$85,000,000 since the beginning of the year, and nearly \$50,000,000 in eight months. Financial experts say the situation has an economic aspect, though they are unable to decipher it. Some hint at political developments.

### WHEAT DROPS 6 CTS MORE TODAY

CHICAGO, May 26.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Range of wheat prices today:

	Open	High	Low	Close
July	\$2.17	\$2.19	\$2.11	\$2.11
Sept	\$1.84	\$1.90	\$1.81	\$1.84

Portland, Ore., May 26.—(Special.)—Club \$2.45; Bluestem \$2.47.

### WAR CUTS OUT DELUXE TRAIN

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—The Southern Pacific has announced its De Luxe trains must go because of the war. The traffic officials of western railroads meet June fifth in Chicago to plan to curtail passenger service and make other changes bringing about a transportation revolution.

### SPIES BLAMED FOR BURNING BRIDGE SPAN

Portion of Western Pacific Trestle Leading to American River Bridge Destroyed; Attempt Made to Blow Up Aeroplane Factory.

LOS ANGELES, May 26.—Suspected as spies or dynamiters, two men were discovered climbing the fire escapes of the Glen Martin aeroplane factory today. Fred Post, a militiaman guard on the roof, saw the men, fired and gave chase. The men escaped. One carried a bundle believed to contain a bomb. The factory is turning out war planes.

SACRAMENTO, May 26.—Believing that fire-destroying this morning a portion of the Western Pacific trestle leading to the American river bridge was started by alien enemies, local authorities are conducting a thorough investigation. Fire Chief Anderson found the fire started in two places. The blaze evidently was of incendiary origin. Federal authorities were notified.

### WIRELESS GUARDS ENEMY AGENTS EIGHT

PORTSMOUTH, Va., May 26.—Eight shots were exchanged and Frederick Ronch, wireless operator was wounded in a brush between guards at the government wireless station at Virginia Beach and supposed enemy agents.

### LANE'S BODY ARRIVES IN PORTLAND TODAY

PORTLAND, May 26.—Senator Harry Lane's body arrived this morning. It was borne through the streets, accompanied by a guard of firemen, and a delegation of prominent citizens. From one o'clock afternoon until five Monday afternoon the body is lying in state at the city hall. The funeral will be held Tuesday.

### WIDOW OF DUBLIN VICTIM STIRS LOS ANGELES



MRS. SKEFFINGTON & HER SON.  
Mrs. Hanna Sheehy Skeffington, widow of the Dublin editor executed by a firing squad after the Irish revolt last year, has stirred Los Angeles mightily. After a lecture by her citizens of the California city adopted resolutions which were telegraphed to President Wilson, urging him to support Ireland's demands for liberty.

### CONSUMER TO BEAR BRUNT REVENUE TAX

Senate Finance Committee Excludes Gross Sales Tax and Plans to Substitute a License on Auto, etc. Owners.

### SURTAX ON INCOMES IS ALSO ELIMINATED

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The consumer will bear the burden of the government billion eight hundred million dollar revenue bill, if the senate finance committee pursues its present course.

It adopted a policy today excluding gross sales taxes, so about a hundred and eighteen million must be raised otherwise. The senate committee struck from the bill the five per cent taxes on the sales of automobiles, trunks, bicycles, motorcycles, wagons, tires, and as a substitute a license on the motorcycle and automobile owner is planned. The surtax on incomes ranging from ten per cent on over forty thousand to forty five per cent over a million was eliminated.

### GERMAN PLANNED PEACE MEETING AT STOCKHOLM UTTERLY COLLAPSING

STOCKHOLM, May 26.—It is apparent that the German peace plan meeting has failed. Separate conferences are continuing. Lansing's announcement that American socialists were not allowed to attend, dismayed and depressed the delegates. They declare the report was either false or the result of a misunderstanding.

### ABSENCE OF U. S. DELEGATES DEALS HARD BLOW

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Four dare-devil American automobile drivers have been picked to pilot the attacking aircraft, in formation of five, hovered above the town before the men began dropping the bombs simultaneously.

### ALL IS READY FOR THE BIG CARNIVAL

Pendleton Chapter of Girls Honor Guard Will Have Charge of Concessions at Carnival, Beginning Next Tuesday.  
The girls National Honor Guard of Pendleton has everything in readiness for the opening of the carnival next Tuesday evening which is to be staged here under its auspices. The Round Amusement Co. is furnishing all of the attractions and concessions but one of the Honor Guards will have supervision over such and a considerable portion of the proceeds will go to the local organization to assist in carrying on its work.

### GERMAN SINGERS WHO PERFORM IN U. S. BARRED

AMSTERDAM, May 26.—German singers contracting for appearances in America will be excluded from all American opera to German theaters for five years, according to resolution Berlin dispatches say the Berlin Actors Association adopted.

### ROMANOFFS JOIN THE 'BACK TO SOIL' MOVE

PETROGRAD, May 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Romanoff, also the Misses Romanoff, and Master Romanoff, have joined the "back to the soil" movement. They are planting potatoes in the palace park.

### POLITICS ON DRAFT EXEMPTION BOARDS MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Local community politics threaten to cheat America's new army of the men it ought to have.

It is feared local boards may be swayed by political considerations in making exemptions. It is feared local doctors, either for political or personal considerations, may "discover" physical defects where none exist. A heavy penalty is attached to such inactivity. Despite this, however, there are signs that local boards and doctors may shift their consciences aside and take a chance in the future. Suggestions came from South Carolina that the Blessie faction intend to shunt the Manning devotees into the army, regardless of draft.

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The raid occurred over the southeast coast. The damage was confined principally to one town. The admiralty announced a British air raid on the aerodrome at St. Deniswestrah. Many bombs were dropped.

### FOUR DARE DEVIL DRIVERS TO GO WITH PERSHING

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### SLACKERS CAN'T BELONG TO THE QUAKER FAITH

NEW YORK, May 26.—Slackers can't be Quakers. So great has the list been of conscientious youth to the tenets of the Quaker faith, a faith exempt from conscription, the Society of Friends has planned to bar all converts of military age for the period of the war.

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Injured Number 174, Including 43 Women and 19 Children; Royal Flying Corps Battles Teutons Bringing Down Three Machines.

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### FRUIT PACKING PLANT PLANNED FOR STANFIELD

Modern Reinforced Concrete Structure Costing \$10,000 Will Be Built in Time for Coming Crop.  
Plans have been fully made by the Stanfield Fruitgrowers' Union for the erection of a modern packing plant at Stanfield, the same to cost \$10,000. The plans call for a reinforced concrete building, 30 by 80 feet, with a full basement. Also for a packing shed, 28 by 50 feet extending alongside the main building.

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### LARGENY OF SHEEP CHARGED AGAINST STANFIELD FARMER

With wool selling at 50 cents a pound and sheep bringing around \$12.50 a head, the sheep business is a highly attractive one these days. However, the big prices are a barrier to a man of small capital entering the business unless he has ingenuity.