

## FIRST SHOT IN THE WAR BY GERMANY

**U-BOAT FIRES, BUT MISSES CHASER.**

## SUBMARINE ESCAPES

**Torpedo Launched at 3:30 O'Clock This Morning—Affair Will Arouse Nation in Belief Held at the National Capital.**

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Germany fired the first shot in the war against the United States, early this morning—and missed. The Navy Department officially confirmed the report that the submarine chaser Smith had been fired on by a U-boat at 3:30 o'clock this morning. The torpedo missed, and the Smith chased the submarine, but the undersea craft submerged and escaped.

**TORPEDO MISSES.**  
BOSTON, April 17.—The engagement between the submarine chaser Smith and a submarine was first reported here today. As far as is actually known, no damage was inflicted. A message sent from the Fire Island station to the Charleston Navy Yard, was as follows: "At 3:30 this morning, Smith apparently sighted submarine. She fired torpedo, missed Smith 30 yards. The wake of the torpedo plainly seen from the bow. Submarine disappeared."

## UNIVERSITY CLUB MEETING DEFERRED

Because of many conflicting engagements, the meeting of the University club, scheduled to be held tomorrow night, is postponed until about May 1, Dr. U. C. Coe, president of the club, announced this afternoon. At that time the applications of new members will be handled in an informal way for the entertainment of the boys' graduating class of the high school.

## AUSTRIAN WILL FIGHT FOR U. S.

### JOSEPH MURASKA READILY GETS PARENTS' CONSENT—HE HAS THREE COUSINS SERVING IN AUSTRIAN ARMY.

The son of Austrian parents and the cousin of three soldiers in the Austrian army who are now in active service, Joseph Muraska, of Fort Rock, arrived in Bend last night, passed an excellent physical examination, and enlisted at once in the United States navy. He declared that his father and mother, although somewhat reluctant to let him leave home, had no scruples because of their native land virtually at war with the United States.

## CITY ELECTION TO BE APRIL 30

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCES VOTING PLANS.**

**Polls Will Be Open From 8:00 in the Morning to 8:00 at Night, for Voters to Pass on Proposed Charter Changes.**

Completing arrangements for the special city election at which the flotation of a \$16,000 refunding bond issue and the providing for a uniform system of street improvement regulations are to be voted on, the Bend city council held a brief session last yesterday afternoon. Monday, April 30, was the date set for the election. Both issues which will be balloted on are in the form of amendments to the city charter.

## MYSTERY VEILS COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREABOUTS OF BRITISH DIPLOMATS UNKNOWN, IS DECLARATION OF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.**

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Although it was understood yesterday that the British commissioners had arrived in America, general uncertainty surrounded their whereabouts. It was declared yesterday that the State Department had absolutely no word concerning them. Definite information is being sought before night.

## SUBMARINES FEARED

**NEW YORK, April 17.—**Beliefs that Germany may have obtained information concerning the departure of the Allied commissioners were expressed this afternoon when it was recalled that German secret agents had learned of Lord Kitchener's departure and had sunk the ship on which he was sailing. It is feared that a submarine may have waited off the American coast with the intention of intercepting the ship carrying the European officials.

## BISHOP TO ARRIVE IN BEND TOMORROW

Delayed in his trip to Bend, Bishop Robert L. Paddock, of the Episcopal church, will not arrive until tomorrow. He will conduct services in the Council Chambers of the O'Kane building tomorrow evening.

## BIDS REJECTED ON \$250,000 ISSUE OF RURAL LOAN BONDS

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)  
SALEM, April 17.—Because all bids were below par, the State Land Board today rejected all bids for the \$250,000 rural credits bond issue, and instructed the clerk of the board to wire immediately to the boards and attorneys in each county to cease taking applications for loans. The board decided to advertise immediately for bids for a \$500,000 bond issue through the east, hoping to get better offers as a result.

## PRESIDENT DEMANDS AID OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

"My fellow countrymen: The entrance of our beloved country into the grim and terrible war for democracy and human rights, which has shaken the world, creates so many problems of national life and action which call for immediate consideration and settlement that I hope you will permit me to address you a few words of earnest counsel and appeal with regard to them.

### FIGHT IS FOR FUTURE PEACE.

"We are rapidly putting our navy upon an active war footing and are about to create and equip a great army, but these are the simplest parts of the great task to which we have addressed ourselves. There is not a single selfish element, so far as I can see, in the cause we are fighting for. We are fighting for what we believe and wish to be the rights of mankind and for the future peace and security of the world.

### ABUNDANT FOOD NEEDED.

"These, then, are the things we must do well, besides fighting, the things without which mere fighting would be fruitless: We must supply abundant food for ourselves and for our armies and our seamen not only, but also for a large part of the nations with whom we have now made common cause, in whose support and by whose sides we shall be fighting.

### WORKERS WILL WIN HONOR.

"The industrial forces of the country, men and women alike, will be a great national, a great international, service army—a noble and honored host engaged in the service of the nation and the world, the efficient friends and saviors of free men everywhere. Thousands, nay, hundreds of thousands of men otherwise liable to military service will of right and of necessity be excused from their service and assigned to the fundamental, sustaining work of the fields and factories and mines, and they will be as much a part of the great patriotic forces of the nation as the men under fire.

### EUROPE RELIES ON AMERICA.

"Not only during the present emergency but for some time after peace shall have come, both our own people and a large proportion of the people of Europe must rely upon the harvests in America. Upon the farmers of this country, therefore, in a large measure, rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations. May the nation not count upon them to omit no step that will increase the production of their land, that will bring about the most effectual co-operation in the sale and distribution of their food products."

### APPEAL MADE TO THE SOUTH.

"I particularly appeal to the farmers of the south to plant abundant foodstuffs as well as cotton. They can show their patriotism in no better or more convincing way than by resisting the great temptation of the present high price of cotton and helping, helping upon a great scale, to feed the nation and the peoples everywhere who are fighting for their liberties and for our own. The variety of their crops will be the visible measure of their comprehension of their national duty.

### MIDDLEMEN ARE WARNED.

"This let me say to the middlemen of every sort, whether they are handling our foodstuffs or our raw materials of manufacture or the products of our mills and factories: The eyes of the country will be especially upon you. This is your opportunity for signal service, efficient and disinterested. The country expects you, as it expects all others, to forego unusual profits, to organize and expedite shipments of supplies of every kind, but especially of food, with an eye to the service you are rendering and in the spirit of those who enlist in the ranks for their people, not for themselves. I shall confidently expect you to deserve and win the confidence of people of every sort and station.

### EXTRAVAGANCE IS LIBEKED.

"Let me suggest also that every man who creates or cultivates a garden helps greatly to solve the problem of feeding the nations; and that every housewife who practices strict economy puts herself in the ranks of those who serve the nation. This is the time for America to correct her unpardonable extravagance. Let every man and every woman assume the duty of careful, prudent use and expenditure as a public duty, as a dictate of patriotism which no one can now expect ever to be excused or forgiven for ignoring.

### WOODROW WILSON.

"In the hope that this statement of the needs of the nation and of the world in this hour of supreme crisis may stimulate those to whom it comes and remind all who need a reminder of the solemn duties of a time such as the world has never seen before, I beg that all editors and publishers everywhere will give as prominent publication and as wide circulation as possible to this appeal. I venture to suggest, also, to all advertising agencies that they would perhaps render a very substantial and timely service to the country if they would give it widespread repetition. And I hope that clergymen will not think the theme of it an unworthy or inappropriate subject of comment and homily from their pulpits.

### WOODROW WILSON.

"The supreme test of the nation has come. We must all speak, act and serve together. (Signed) WOODROW WILSON."

## SANITATION FOR CITY IS URGED

**CLEANUP CAMPAIGN IS IMPORTANT PHASE.**

**Health Officer Dr. Dwight F. Miller Shows Importance of Proposed Sewage Ordinance—Says Expense Relatively Small.**

With the time for the beginning of warm weather due, City Health Officer Dr. Dwight F. Miller and Chief of Police Nixon are pushing the campaign for city cleanliness and are enforcing strictly the ordinances prohibiting the accumulation of rubbish and refuse within the city limits.

In this connection, and seeking to prevent a possible epidemic of contagious disease, Dr. Miller is anxious that speedy action be taken by the city council on the ordinance suggested by State Health Officer Dr. D. N. Roberg, in a communication presented at a recent meeting of the city council, which would provide for the general installation of septic tanks in all sections of the city not having sewer connections. Dr. Miller declared that the expense of such installation could be shared by two or more families, and pointed out that the expenditure would be small in comparison to the expense involved in case of an outbreak of contagious disease caused by improper sanitation.

Prevention Emphasized. "I hope that conditions which might be the cause of an epidemic may be removed before the city experiences any such disaster," he said this morning. He outlined a few of the more important rules of sanitation, such as the covering of all garbage, or other refuse which might draw flies, until it can be disposed of, and the careful sterilization of all articles used in the preparation and serving of food, in homes where there are children or invalids.

Mentioning tentative plans for a garbage incinerator, Dr. Miller favored the type used in the army, which he declared is relatively inexpensive, and would in addition to aiding proper sanitation, serve the purpose of eliminating unsightly litter in the neighborhood of the city.

## WHISKEY FOUND; ARREST FOLLOWS

**FRANK SHEFFIELD, JITNEY DRIVER, FIRST DEFENDANT IN COUNTY UNDER NEW PROHIBITION LAW.**

The first bootlegging case to come up in Deschutes county under the bone-dry law was started at midnight last night, when Night Officer Willard Houston, assisted by his brother, Earl Houston, placed under arrest Frank Sheffield, a local jitney driver, after finding a sealed quart of whiskey in his car. The search and the arrest followed a close watch which had been kept on Sheffield's movements during the evening. A number of short trips made without any apparent object, excited the suspicion of the officer.

Sheffield was arraigned this afternoon by Justice of the Peace J. A. Eastes, and the hearing is expected to be held tomorrow.

## MEXICAN DEPUTIES WOULD ALLY WITH TEUTONIC POWERS

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)  
EL PASO, April 17.—Only eight members of the Mexican House of Deputies favor President Carranza's neutrality plan.

It was announced in a message received here. Unofficial reports of the wild disorder occurred when a discussion of Carranza's message began, it was unofficially reported.

Several deputies are reported to have urged openly an alliance with Germany.

## BIG STRIKE IN GERMANY IS REPORTED

**HOME TROUBLES ADD COMPLICATIONS.**

## PEACE MOVE CERTAIN

**Statement of Terms to Be Made to Neutral Nations of World Soon—Von Bernstorff Important Factor in the Plans.**

AMSTERDAM, April 17.—A general strike in Berlin is crippling the output of metal and wood, and is blocking the transportation systems, according to dispatches received here. Reported disorders in Berlin are still unconfirmed, and details are meager.

A general strike has been expected for a long time. Extreme Socialists announced that the move would be made to protest against the reduction of bread rations. It is semi-officially declared that the strike has effected very few industries, and is really without general support.

Official promise of government reforms without any steps toward their fulfillment, have resulted in the formation of an anti-government party in Germany. The new group is an offshoot from the regular Socialist party, and is called the Independent Socialist Democratic party.

TO DIVULGE TERMS. CHRISTIANA, April 17.—Germany will soon issue to the neutral nations of the world a statement of the terms on which she is willing to make peace, according to rumors current in diplomatic circles today. The reports came from sources known to be closely identified with the plans of the German officials.

Germany's exact proposition is unknown at present, but diplomats believe that the terms which will be offered are practically unchanged from the proposal made in December.

Scandinavia is the center of Germany's peace effort aimed at Russia. Teutonic officials are bending every effort toward a separate peace with Russia. It was learned here.

## MILLICAN TO SINK MAIL CONTRACT LET

Word was received today of the awarding of the mail contract on the Millican-Sink route to Alexander A. Gilmore, of this city. Mr. Gilmore will make his first trip on April 24, and will make trips twice a week up to June 30, 1918, when the contract expires. The contract price is \$375 a year.

## GREATEST MOVE IN WAR IS ON

**FRENCH GAIN BRILLIANT VICTORY, AND BRITISH PUSH FORWARD ANOTHER MILE TOWARD LONG SOUGHT GOAL.**

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin)  
LONDON, April 17.—The greatest offensive move in the world's greatest war is on today. Over a front of 175 miles, the French and British forces are pushing forward with the strength and energy conserved through months of winter preparation.

The French movement began with a brilliant victory despite the most desperate German resistance. Laon, one of the most important German supply stations, is menaced.

General Haig today jammed his forces a mile closer to La Catalet, on the main line of communication between Cambrai and St. Quentin. Word from the southern battlefields showed that the Turkish troops are steadily retreating before the advancing British forces. The enemy is falling back without offering any opposition.