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U. S. AND GERMANY ON THE BRINK OF WAR

Diplomatic Relations End and
Ambassadors and Consuls
Are Recalled

Other Neutral Nations Will Probably
Follow Lead of the United
States in Severing
Relations.

Washington.—President Wilson has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and warned the Kaiser that ruthless sacrifice of American lives and rights means war.

The president made formal announcement of his action to the country and to the world at a joint session of congress.

Passports have been handed to Count von Bernstorff, Ambassador Gerard, with all his staff and all American consuls, have been ordered out of Germany. All German consuls in the United States are expected to withdraw, that the severance of relations may be complete.

Somber Silence Reigns.
Not a sound came from floor or gallery, but the clear, calm tones of the president, reading slowly and distinctly. The assemblage of senators, representatives and notables about him listened with closest attention.

Briefly he reviewed how last April the United States warned Germany after the destruction of the Sussex that unless the imperial government declared and effected an abandonment of that sort of submarine warfare the United States would have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations altogether. Then he quoted from the German reply, which gave assurances that no ships would be sunk without warning and provision for safety of passengers and crew. He recounted the provisions the German government attached, which in effect reserved to itself the right to recant its promises if the United States did not secure relaxation of the British restraints on commerce and then quoted from the reply of the United States, which refused to consider a conditional pledge and gave Germany final warning that it could not entertain or discuss any such suggestion.

Believed Order Not to Be Enforced

In concluding the president said: "Notwithstanding this unexpected action of the German government, this sudden and deeply deplorable renunciation of its assurances, given this government at one of the most critical moments of tension in the relations of the two governments, I refuse to believe that it is the intention of the German authorities to do in fact what they have warned us they will feel at liberty to do."

"I cannot bring myself to believe that they will indeed pay no regard to the ancient friendship between their people and our own or to the solemn obligations which have been exchanged between them and destroy American ships and take the lives of American citizens in the willful prosecution of the ruthless naval program they have announced their intention to adopt. Only actual overt acts on their part can make me believe it even now."

"If this confidence on my part in the sobriety and prudent foresight of their purpose should unhappily prove unfounded; if American ships and American lives should in fact be sacrificed by their naval commanders in heedless contravention of the just and reasonable understandings of international law and the obvious dictates of humanity, I shall take the liberty of coming again before the congress to ask that authority be given me to use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people in the prosecution of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas."

Neutrals to Take Same Course

"I can do nothing less. I take it for granted that all neutral governments will take the same course."

"We do not desire any hostile conflict with the imperial German government. We are the sincere friends of the German people and earnestly desire to remain at peace with the government which speaks for them. We shall not believe that they are hostile to us unless and until we are obliged to believe it; and we purpose nothing more than the reasonable defense of the undoubted rights of our people."

"We wish to nerve no selfish ends. We seek merely to stand true alike in thought and in action to the immortal principles of our people which I have sought to express in my address to the senate only two weeks ago; seek merely to vindicate our

right to liberty and justice and an unmolested life.

"These are the bases of peace, not war. God grant that we may not be challenged to defend them by acts of willful injustice on the part of the government of Germany."

Germans Release Captured Americans
Berlin.—The 72 Americans taken from ships sunk or captured by the German raider in the Atlantic were ordered released by the German government. This complies with a request made by the United States government.

Roosevelt Tenders Support to Wilson.
Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Colonel Roosevelt pledged himself in support of President Wilson in upholding the honor of the United States and offered his own and the lives of his four sons to the country in case hostilities are not averted.

C. G. HIGH WINS ANOTHER DOUBLE HEADER

Springfield Boys and Creswell Girls Succumb to Team Work and
Accurate Passing.

The Cottage Grove basketball team won another double header Friday night on the armory floor when the boys team defeated Springfield 46 to 20 and the girls' team defeated Creswell 20 to 12.

Chester Anlauf was the bright individual star of the boys' game. His accurate shooting netted 14 field goals—28 points for his team. Van Valza played the most consistent game for the Springfield team. Medley substituted for Coffman, and Jones for Dugan in the last few minutes of play.

The line-ups were as follows:
Cottage Grove—Forwards, Anlauf and Coffman; center, Dugan; guards, Smith and Randall.

Springfield—Forwards, Van Valza and R. Hill and McKeel.

Miss Thelma Wilkinson starred for Cottage Grove in the girls' game and Miss Wackrow did the best work for Creswell.

The line-ups were as follows:
Cottage Grove—Forwards, Wilkinson and R. Ridings; center, Holderman; guards, Slagle and M. Ridings.

Creswell—Forwards, Dersham and Wackrow; center, G. Johnson; guards, Steele and E. Johnson.

Robert Earl refereed the boys' game and Prof. Jewett and Miss Hunter refereed the girls' game.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING TUESDAY EVENING

Association Will Hear Good Program
and Discuss Interesting
Topic.

The program committee of the parent-teacher association has provided the following program for the meeting at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening of next week, beginning at 7:30 o'clock:

Piano solo, Miss Mae Armstrong.
Vocal solo, Miss Orpha Stevens—Somewhere a voice is calling.

Reading, Miss Maude Doyle.
Vocal solo, Miss Jessie Smith—The New Kingdom.

Instrumental duet.
Discussion, "The Needs of Our Schools," opened by a 15-minute address by Rev. D. A. MacLeod.

JURYMEN SELECTED FOR THE FEBRUARY TERM

Thirty names have been drawn from the list of citizens selected for 1917 jury service, and these 30 will constitute the juries for the February term of court which meets at Eugene February 26.

When court convenes on that date, names will be drawn by the clerk of the court until seven have been chosen for the new grand jury. The October grand jury will meet February 19 to clear up cases now pending.

In the list of 30 are the following from the Cottage Grove country:

Clyde E. Wright, Walker; Van Allison, Cottage Grove; W. W. Jackson, Lorane; Ernest L. McKeen, Divide; N. A. Bales, Dorena; A. L. Huck, Diss-ton.

COTTAGE GROVE GRANGE TO HOLD OPEN MEETING

State Deputy and County Agricultural
Will Speak.

Cottage Grove Grange will hold an open meeting at Woodman hall Monday, afternoon, February 26. One of the state deputies and county Agricultural Agent, N. S. Robb will be present and will address the meeting.

The plans, purposes and work of the organization will be discussed and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Delegation From University of Oregon Y. M. C. A. Will Spend Friday, Saturday and Sunday Here



GROUP OF OFFICIALS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON Y. M. C. A.

Eight young men from the University of Oregon Y. M. C. A. will arrive here Friday afternoon to spend the week end in Cottage Grove. They are: James McCallum, deputation chairman in charge of the trip; Ray Hauser, Paul Spangler, Frank Campbell, Leo Cossman, Clinton Thienes, Randall Scott, and J. D. Foster, general secretary of the University Y. M. C. A.

The two principal motives which actuate their visit are: First, to interest young men generally in Christian work; and, second, to make an opportunity for university young men to get into personal touch with high school young

men. During their stay they will conduct a diversified program of events and will be entertained by the townspeople.

A committee will welcome the young men to the city Friday afternoon. Friday night a basketball game will take place between the Y. M. C. A. team and the Methodist team at the armory. Saturday evening the Y. M. C. A. boys and the high school boys will have a "bean feed" in the dining room of the Methodist church, followed at 7:30 by a program of stereopticon views of college life. The pictures will be shown in the auditorium of the church.

Sunday morning each of the Sunday schools of the city will be visited by two members of the delegation who will participate in the services and make addresses.

Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the Christian church a meeting will be conducted for young men and older boys.

Other activities will be interspersed with the announced events during the stay of the young men in the city and their visit is being anticipated with pleasure.

They will return to Eugene on the 4:35 train Sunday afternoon.

MANY PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY

High School Students Make Good
Record During Semester
Just Past.

The following students in the high school were neither absent nor late from the time of their entrance into school last autumn until the close of the semester:

Seniors: Knetta Boyd, Edna Boyd, Fred Brumbaugh, Esther Bricher, Ireta Cooley, Maude Doyle, Mildred Dugan, Euelie Haldeman, Robert Jones, Genevieve Jury, Ernest Redford, Carl Rodolf, Grace Schilling.

Juniors: Anna Lindstrom, Charles Protzman, Marie Ridings, Agnes Redford, Lois Thomas, Beatrice McGee, Hilda Harden, Esther Jorgensen, Ray Woolley.

Sophomores: Russell Bemis, Ada Adams, Pearl Ashby, Ruby Ashby, Ella Counts, Elsie Cox, Rose Haldeman, Eleeta Hamilton, Marian Hess, Marie Jones, Lorene Oliver, Irma Randall, Rita Ridings, Ethel Rogers, Junitta Short, Ruth Stewart, Sylvia Ventch, Mary Wiseman.

Freshmen: John Cann, Elva Cox, Helen Foster, Ada Gilerist, Sarah Green, Eva Hartung, Louisa Mattheyer, Helen Ritchey, Helen Rodolf, Ethel Sherman, Hazel Spray, Eva Weeden, Earl Stewart, Evert Weeden, Fred Walton, Martha Wilkinson, Leila Ferguson.

The following pupils of the eighth grade passed the January examinations and have been granted diplomas by County Superintendent E. J. Moore: Mary Ellen Benson, Maurice Harden, Donald Lunan, Ross McFarland, William Ostrander, Frank Porter, Myrtle Teeters, Esther Vanosdel. This entitles these pupils to enroll as regular students in the high school.

Following is Superintendent Beattie's report of the Cottage Grove schools for the month of January:

High School—
Total enrollment for year, 168
Enrollment for month, 158
Average daily attendance, 152
Pupils neither absent nor late, 98

Grade schools—
Total enrollment for year, 441
Enrollment for month, 398
Average daily attendance, 374
Pupils neither absent nor late, 206
Pupils in fourth grade who graded 90 to 100 in the recent spelling contest are:

David Dorward, William Skilling, Edith Heinlein, Bonita Beager, Alice Haldeman, Kathryn Foster, Ralph Sheary, Lois Ralston, Dollie Pitcher, Kathryn McQueen, Jennings King, Donald Coleman, Lucile Ralston, Harry Godard, James Cann, Elsie Sterling, Mabel Spray, Gladys Hockett, Harvey Purdin, Pearl Robinson, Herbert Cochran, Sylvia Thornton, Lloyd Ames, Ethel Gilstrap, Delmas Richmond, Herman Brown, Vance Cameron.

METHODIST BOYS GIVE ENTERTAINING PROGRAM

Professor Ross and the boys of class 12 of the Methodist church gave a pleasing entertainment at the Methodist church Tuesday evening.

"The Sky Pilot" was delightfully rendered by Professor Ross. The boys also presented a diversified musical program which was well received.

MUSICAL RECITAL PLEASURES

Pianiste and Tenor Present a Highly
Appreciated Program.

Daisy Alma McCluskey, pianiste, and Henry Paul Filer, tenor, both of Eugene, presented an effectively diversified program in a very pleasing manner at the Christian church Tuesday night and a large audience appreciated their very creditable work.

Miss McCluskey, displayed good technique and, besides a pleasing interpretation of a number of the old masters, played an unpublished composition of her own, responding to an encore with alacrity.

Mr. Filer has a tenor voice of good timbre and range and sang a difficult repertoire in a finished manner.

His dramatic rendition of Schubert's "Zur Kluge" was probably his best number, though the popular favorite, and the one which best revealed the flexibility of his voice, was a sprightly selection entitled "A Lass With a Delicate Air."

The program follows:
O Heart of Mine Clough Leichter
Twas April Nevin
Thou Wondrous Youth Abt
Mr. Filer.

Aufschwung Schumann
Warum Schumann
Nachstuck Schumann
Solfeggietta Ph. Em. Bach
Miss McCluskey.

Fraum durch die Dammung Strauss
Es Hat die Rose Franz
Er Konig Schubert
Mr. Filer.

If I Were a Bird Hensell
A la Bien Aimee Schut
Impromptu, D flat major Schumann
D. A. McCluskey.

Miss McCluskey
The Summer Wind Bischoff
A Lass With a Delicate Air Arne
The Year's at the Spring Boel
Mr. Filer.

Liebestraum, Nocturne No. 3 Liszt
Valse, Op. 42, A flat major Chopin
Miss McCluskey.

\$908,761.26 IN TAXES IS COLLECTIBLE THIS YEAR

A little over \$900,000 is collectible on the 1916 tax rolls this year. J. D. Hamlin, who has been writing the rolls for the assessor, has footed up the totals and found the following sums due:

State and county \$530,741.40
School districts 157,224.78
Union high schools 6,719.38
Road districts 29,721.72
Cities 167,661.27
Port of Siuslaw 16,992.61

Total from all sources, \$908,761.26

The sheriff is now getting ready to collect the taxes and announcement will be made within a few days as to the time of the opening of the rolls.

No Round-Up Feature for Lane County Fair This Year.

The board of directors of the Lane County Fair association on Saturday officially decided to hold no round-up next fall in connection with the fair. An executive board was chosen by the directors as follows: C. J. Hurd, M. H. Harlow, Amos Wilkins, E. M. Warren, Henry W. Stewart, George W. Taylor, E. E. Morrison, Alton Hampton and E. A. Bond.

BLACK BUTTE MINES TO DOUBLE OUTPUT

Carload of Machinery for Experimental
Concentrator Arrives
Tuesday.

The Black Butte quicksilver mines will immediately begin the installation of a new experimental concentrator, machinery for which arrived here Tuesday and which, with their present furnace, will increase the output to 50 tons daily, about double the present capacity.

Manager E. B. Crane came in Tuesday from the mines to take out the new machinery, five wagons being necessary to transfer the same.

\$54,136 APPORTIONED TO ROAD DISTRICTS

County Court Provides Funds in Addition
to Special Levies of
Some Districts.

Over \$80,000 will be available in 1917 for repair work in the various road districts according to computations just completed for the use of the county court. In making up the road budget the court determined to assign to each road district in the county an amount of money equivalent to 2.5 mills on each dollar of valuation, and add this to any money raised by special road district levies for the prosecution of work within the district.

This money is to be used during the year, and in order not to overrun, the members of the county court have before them at all times a statement showing the unexpended balance in this fund for each district. Slight overdrafts are sometimes allowed near the end of the year, but the overdraft is deducted from the next year's fund.

The total in the 1917 apportionment is \$54,136, and the total raised by the special levies is \$29,816, making a total of \$83,952 for use in the individual road district, in addition to the general road work of the county.

AGED PIONEER IS LAID TO REST

Remains of George Clark Buried at
Comstock Friday.

The remains of George Clark, who died at his home at Curtin last Wednesday at the age of 82, were laid to rest in the Comstock cemetery Friday. The obsequies were conducted from the home by Rev. D. A. MacLeod of this city.

Mr. Clark was survived by his aged wife, five sons and three daughters.

Removes to Marshfield.

Mrs. E. M. Thurber and children left Tuesday for Marshfield, where they will join Mr. Thurber, where they will reside at present.

Mr. Thurber still retains his farm, and his interest in the Woolen Mills store here, but is now engaged in the moving picture business at Marshfield in partnership with Everett Cummings, formerly connected with the Arcade at this place.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CANNERY STOCK NEAR \$5000

About \$650, Amount Yet Needed,
Must Be Raised This
Week

Commercial Club and Farmers' Com-
mittees Have Done Effec-
tive Work in Obtaining
Pledges.

About \$4,350 in money and pledges have been secured by two committees working in the interest of the Cottage Grove cannery. About \$650 remains to be subscribed to insure the operation of the cannery this season.

That is the gist of the cannery situation in a few words. It would seem unlikely that this comparatively small amount would be allowed to prevent the carrying out of the effort to organize a live industry in Cottage Grove.

A meeting of the stockholders of the cannery association was held at the commercial club last Thursday, but as the required amount had not been subscribed, the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, February 14. The committees have continued their efforts and as the time of going to press only \$650 is required to finance the opening of cannery operation.

A small percentage of the produce that will be raised in the Cottage Grove country this season would furnish a volume of material to keep the cannery running night and day throughout the canning season. The solution of the cannery situation here is sufficient volume of produce.

And as cannery products are bound to command a high price this year, it would seem that growers would be glad to cooperate in a venture that will insure them a market, especially upon the basis of sharing the profits.

The Cottage Grove community cannot afford to allow this proposition to fail. The city and the country both need it too much.

NEW HOSPITAL TO OPEN ABOUT FEBRUARY 15

Building Is Now Undergoing Repairs
and Overhauling.

Cottage Grove's new hospital will be opened about February 15.

A force of carpenters, plumbers, painters and paperhangers are at present remodeling the second floor of the Taylor building for the purpose.

Dr. Wendt and family arrived Saturday and have taken the Schleef house on west Main Avenue.

Dr. Wendt hopes to have his offices ready for occupancy by Saturday.

CHAUTAUQUA MEETING ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

A meeting of the Cottage Grove Chautauqua association will be held in the commercial club rooms Friday evening, February 16, to discuss preparations for the Chautauqua to be held here June 5 to 10 inclusive. A large attendance is desired.

Assessor Burton Is Better

D. P. Burton, county assessor, who has been seriously ill for a number of weeks, is reported to be much better and he is expected to be able to be at his office some time this week.—Eugene Register.

ABSENT 6TH CO. BOYS TO RETURN IF NEEDED

Since the last war talk Captain Lee Roy Woods has been receiving communications from members of Sixth company Oregon Coast Artillery who are working away from the home station temporarily, giving their addresses to be wired in case they are needed, and also from several members of the company wanting to enlist in the old company in case of war.

Lloyd Moore, first cook of the company, who formerly drove Harrel's truck, has sent his address, and also a request that he be returned to the ranks so he can be detailed with the gun section as he says they might "miss the gun and hit the kitchen."

Cap. Woods says he is too good a camp cook to do duty with the gun section, so there is nothing doing in that line.