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## American Transport Sunk by Hun U-Boat

This morning's Oregonian contained a dispatch from Washington reporting the sinking of the transport Tuscania, carrying 2179 American soldiers and engineers. The tragedy occurred off the Irish coast and at 11 o'clock Wednesday night 1912 survivors had landed at Larne and Buncrana, two widely separated ports.

The majority of the troops enlisted from Michigan and Wisconsin and there is a strong possibility that two Forest Grove boys (Taylor Graham and Jimmy Norton) were aboard the Tuscania, as their regiment—the 107th Michigan Engineers—is mentioned as being among the troops aboard. Under date of Jan. 27th, Taylor wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Graham, from Camp Merritt (New Jersey) that he expected to be "sent over" soon. The fact that no further news has come might mean that his company has not sailed, as the boys generally send a farewell message on the eve of embarking. And even if the boys were on the Tuscania the chances as 19 to 2 that they are alive.

### DEATH'S TOLL

#### Aged Woman Called

Elizabeth Hudson Thompson, the beloved wife of Jonathan S. Thompson, passed away at her home on First avenue north at an early hour Monday morning, Feb. 4th, after a prolonged illness, aged 82 years and six months.

Elizabeth Hudson was born in Park county, Ind., on Aug. 6th, 1835, and was married to Jonathan S. Thompson in 1856. The family came to Washington county in 1895 and for the past twelve years Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have made Forest Grove their home. In addition to the bereaved husband, decedent leaves to mourn her demise two sons and two daughters—James Thompson of Seattle, Elmer of Shelton, Wash., Mrs. Florence Hollinger of Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. William Weitzel of this city. Early in life Mrs. Thompson embraced Christianity and lived so good and useful a life that she had no fears for the future. She has been an invalid for years.

Funeral services were held at the family home at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, A. Baldwin officiating. Interment was in Forest View cemetery.

#### Grace Parsons Dead

Word reached this city the first of the week of the death of Mrs. Grace Newton Parsons at a hospital in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on Feb. 2d. Deceased is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Newton of this city and was married to Joseph Parsons in this city on March 6th of last year. Complications following child birth were the cause of death. Mr. and Mrs. Newton were at their daughter's bedside when the end came, having gone to Canada two weeks ago, when they learned of her serious illness. The body was interred at Calgary. Deceased is survived by her husband and infant son, her father and mother, one sister and one brother.

Deceased was a very likeable young woman and had hundreds of friends in this county who were shocked and grieved at the news of her death.

After an illness of five months, Mrs. Otto Hensky, aged 25, passed away at her home in Dilley Monday evening last, pneumonia being the cause of dissolution. Deceased, whose maiden name was Louise Borgen, was born in Minnesota and came to Washington county when five years of age. She is survived by her husband, but no children. Funeral services were held at the Buxton chapel at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. Comstock of Dilley officiating. Interment was in Forest View.

Postmaster Wirtz has so far registered five alien enemies of the United States. Bob is becoming quite an expert at printing, as he is required to take impressions of all the fingers of registrants.

### NOTES AND PERSONALS

Dr. Talbot of Kimball School of Theology at Salem preached from the local M. E. church pulpit last Sunday.

The local G. A. R. and W. R. C. will attend services at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

Ray Jackson and Jesse Sage of this city have passed the preliminary medical examination for the selective draft.

The W. R. C. ladies are preparing for a patriotic program at their hall on Feb. 22d, in honor of Washington, Lincoln and McKinley.

Postmaster Wirtz is trying to locate a man named Danker, first name unknown, who had a brother, William, at Prineville. The latter is dead and relatives are trying to locate his brother.

Local Masons have notified the building committee of the grand lodge that they want to offer a site for the proposed Masonic Home when the committee is ready to talk site. The Home will require a tract of ten acres, within walking distance of the schools.

Quite a crowd of local Knights of Pythias went to Gaston last evening with a bunch from Portland, traveling in a special car, to assist in and witness the conferring of the third rank on a class of a dozen candidates. The Knights from this city looked rather tired today, so it is fair to presume they had a good time.

#### A Helpful Lecture

The inclement weather kept many women away from the open meeting of the Conservation committee of the Woman's club last Monday, but those who attended were given some valuable lessons by Miss Edna Mills, state and federal emergency home demonstration agent for Washington and Yamhill counties. The speaker's subject was "Household Management" and she advocated the adoption of systematic work in the home, in place of the chaotic condition under which many housekeepers struggle.

When the speaker visited the farm homes in her territory she was at once impressed by the large amount of labor-saving machinery to speed up the farmer's work, but when she saw the lack of conveniences and system in many of the farm homes, it reminded her of stories she had read of pioneer life. The housekeepers of today owe it to their daughters to start the latter out with a set of modern housekeeping plans. Miss Mills intimated that the lack of proper housekeeping methods and facilities might be responsible for many of the domestic tragedies that found their way into the courts.

The speaker explained a chart for housekeepers, put out by the O. A. C., that can be had from Mrs. C. P. Richardson for 25c. Many of the ladies gave their orders at the meeting and many others signified a determination to begin account-keeping at once.

## Railway Agent Under Suspicion

Sheriff Applegate Monday uncovered a radio plant a half mile from Timber and confiscated the apparatus. It belonged to J. E. Jacobsen, the operator and ticket agent for the Southern Pacific at Timber station on the Tillamook line. The radio from appearances is capable of receiving and sending a radius of 600 or 700 miles and is practically new. It is understood that the government radio stations have been complaining about interruptions from radio currents and, as nearly as possible to locate it, it was decided that it came from the Nehalem. Jacobsen had the plant in his own house and his aero wires were difficult to locate. He says that he installed the plant for his own satisfaction. The radio outfit was brought to Hillsboro and further action is awaiting orders from the United States marshal. Jacobsen has a wife and two children living in the home from which the apparatus was operated.

## Disabled Seaman Returns Home

Earle Waldron, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Waldron of the Kansas City district, is probably the first Washington county boy to secure an honorable discharge on account of injuries received during the present war and is now at the home of his parents, after having done his "bit" for democracy. Earle was injured in September, last, when a gun exploded aboard the cruiser Huntington, and sustained a broken wrist and injuries to one of his knees. After three months in a New York hospital, he was offered his discharge, but begged for another chance and made a trip across in the cruiser Arizona, which went as a convoy, but his injuries were so serious that he was given his discharge.

#### Thrift Stamp Salesmen

In response to the call sent out by Secretary McAdoo thru Superintendent Churchill for the assistance and co-operation of the school children in the sale of Thrift Stamps, a number of boys and girls are now taking up this work.

Each of these boys and girls are trying to earn a membership in the Junior Rainbow Regiment by being among the first thousand to sell \$50.00 worth of Thrift Stamps.

Those who are taking up this work are Florence Christensen, Katherine Buchanan, Melvin Emerson, Samuel Magruder, Billy Bockman, Harold Ogilvie, Ralph Lyons and Charles Meyers.

These young people are exceedingly anxious to win this membership and in so doing assist the nation in its war work. In subscribing thru this phase of war relief, citizens of Forest Grove should not fail to give one of these boys and girls their name and in this way help some Forest Grove child to win.

Walter Vandehey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Vandehey, living on the Greenville road, near this city, was united in marriage at the Verboort Catholic church Tuesday morning to Miss Marie Elizabeth Horschem of this city. Father VanClarenbeck saying the nuptial mass. After the ceremony, the bridal party went to the home of the groom's parents, where a feast was spread for the relatives and most intimate friends. In the evening there was a big free dance at the I. O. O. F. hall in this city to celebrate the event. Walter is employed at the milk condenser and is an industrious and promising young man, while the bride is in every way qualified to make him a helpful wife and companion.

### Have You Enrolled?

The Department of Labor has created a department of its organization known as the "Public Service Reserve" for the purpose of enrolling all workmen who desire to serve their country in any way that will help win the war. All mechanics, tradesmen and skilled workmen of any kind, especially those whose experience and training are useful to shipbuilding and its allied industries, should immediately enroll in the public service reserve as a patriotic expression of their desire to help win the war. Enrollment in the reserve will not interfere in any way with a man's present occupation or bind him in any way. The purpose is simply to secure an enrollment of workmen, who in case of emergency can be offered positions in government service, either in their own line of work or some other line which they may desire to take up.

B. J. Simpson has been appointed government enrollment agent for Forest Grove and community and all men who desire to enroll in the public service reserve may do so by applying at his office in the Southern Pacific station. Enrollment must be completed within the next ten days. While men experienced in shipbuilding and its allied industries are chiefly desired, all other men, regardless of trade or profession, are eligible to become members of the reserve and their enrollment is also desired.

#### Local Boys Like Marine Corps

From word received from the many Forest Grove boys, who are serving with the U. S. Marines, all seem to be well pleased with the treatment and duties. Among those now serving in this branch of the service are: Floyd Tucker, a last year's high school graduate, now serving in France; Glenn Thomas, for a number of months a salesman for King & Company, last heard from at Quantico, Virginia, from which place he intended to sail for France within a few hours; Edward Burns, son of Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Burns, now attached at Galveston, Texas; Encell Todd, now attached to the Recruiting Station at Portland; and John Zenor, until recently a member of Forest Grove high school.

It would be of interest to a number of young men of Forest Grove who have registered for military service, to know that they can still voluntarily enlist in this branch of the service anytime prior to receiving notice to appear at an army cantonment. It has recently been rumored that voluntary enlistments in the Marines has closed, but to which statement there is no foundation, enlistment being open at the local post-office or at Third and Alder Streets, Portland, Oregon.

## The State Highway Will "Stay Put."

The State Highway commission held a meeting at Portland Tuesday and, over the objections of a delegation from Orengo, decided that the Beaverton-Bertha route, paralleling the Southern Pacific railroad tracks between Hillsboro and Portland, should not be changed. The commission also promised that if Multnomah county would pave its share of the highway to the county line, the commission would pave to Beaverton and rock so much of the Washington county roads as the funds would permit. A survey between Forest Grove and Gaston was also ordered, to begin at once.

L. M. Graham, president, and J. A. Thornburgh, Dr. Hines, S. G. Hughes, A. E. Scott and M. R. Johnson represented the Forest Grove Commercial club at the meeting. Delegations were also present from Orengo, Beaverton and Hillsboro.

## Many Soldiers Not Insured

Portland, February 6.—Because the government war risk insurance, which is designed to make the future safe for all Oregon soldiers should they be incapacitated, and their families safe should they be killed or wounded, may not be taken out after next Tuesday, February 12, the Portland Chapter of the American Red Cross is bending every effort to get into communication with relatives of soldiers.

Soldiers who were in the service prior to October 15 cannot take advantage of this insurance after February 12. A \$10,000 policy costs a soldier only \$6.50 a month, which may be deducted from his pay or paid for him by someone else.

Such a policy would pay the soldier, or his family, in case of death or total and permanent disablement, the sum of \$57.50 a month for 20 years.

If a soldier were wounded, it might be impossible for him to secure other insurance after the war. The government policy may be converted.

The Portland Chapter of the American Red Cross, 204 Corbett Building, is arranging to send cablegrams at its own expense to the Oregon boys in France, (in case the relatives are not able to meet this expense) signed by relatives asking for authorization to take out this war insurance.

Owing to the few days left, if any mother, wife, father, child, sister or brother believes their soldier man has omitted taking out war insurance, they should call on, or telephone the Red Cross immediately asking that a cable be sent in their name.

Cablegrams may be sent by relatives themselves, if they would save time, at the rate of nine cents per word, a special rate for Oregon soldiers and sailors. They should be addressed this way for soldiers:

"EFM  
AMEXFORCE LONDON,"  
followed by name, company and regiment of the soldier.

Navy men should be addressed:

"EFM  
USNAVFORCE LONDON,"  
followed by name of man and his ship.

Cablegrams may be dispatched from any telegraph office. Information may be secured at any Red Cross Branch or at the offices of the Portland Chapter. Any cablegrams dispatched must leave Portland not later than Saturday morning to secure a reply by Tuesday. Here is a suggested cable that the Red Cross is sending, the cost being inserted, as it varies from \$6.40 to \$7.00 a month, according to age of soldier. If cost is not known the word "trivial" should be inserted in message as the soldier can obtain all information from his commanding officer:

"Cable me rush authorization make application ten thousand war insurance for you. Will make future safe. Most important. Cost only \_\_\_\_\_ per month. See commanding officer. Cable immediate answer. Time expires February Twelve." (Must sign full name.)

## Free Emergency Course At Pacific University

Miss Willard, head of the Chemistry Department of Pacific University, has arranged to give a lecture course on "Food and the War" which will be open to the public without charge. The lectures will follow outlines provided by the government. The first meeting will be tomorrow at 3 o'clock and one lecture each week will be given until the series of sixteen is complete.