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A GOOD APPOINTMENT
 The appointments announced by Governor Withycombe upon the new state highway commission seem most acceptable to all portions of the state. From the first district comes E. J. Adams, of Eugene, centrally located within the district, and known to be a man above personal prejudices and petty bickerings. He will be especially interested in the Pacific Highway. The appointment of Mr. Adams meets with favor in Josephine county where he is known to many of our people as an enterprising, upright and progressive citizen. The naming of Mr. Adams will give the people of this district greater confidence in getting behind the proposed \$6,000,000 highway bond issue. Mr. Adams' colleagues upon the commission are also men of capacity, S. Benson, of Portland, being the father of better highways in Oregon, while Mr. Thompson, of Pendleton, the third member, is one of eastern Oregon's big men.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN
 In a summary of the operations of the German submarine fleet since the announcement of the new campaign of ruthlessness inaugurated February 1st, it is shown that except for the greater destruction of neutral vessels, the campaign has accomplished nothing for the central powers. The total tonnage sunk during the month is recorded as 456,817, which included a total of 183 ships. Of these, 110 were British and 20 were under the flag of other of the belligerents. Two of the ships were American and 51 belonged to other neutrals. Press reports from Berlin estimated the sinkings during January of 228 ships, with a total tonnage of 439,560.

Basing his comment and deductions from these figures, J. W. T. Mason, correspondent for the United Press, makes the following statement: "Germany's campaign of unrestricted submarining has been in operation a month without demonstrating its effectiveness for bringing the allies to terms. Serious damage has been done to allied and neutral shipping, but not sufficient to give real hope of victory to the German government."

"More than twice as much destruction of shipping as has occurred during February must fall to the submarines monthly before a real danger line of defeat may become visible to the allies. "If the Germans have put forth their best efforts during the past month, as is probable, the February record cannot be seriously surpassed while the submarine campaign proceeds."

"On the contrary, the increase of precautions by the allies, including chiefly new mine fields off the German coast, the most effective arming of merchant ships and the hastened construction of new ships, ought to give a slowly increasing advantage to the allies. "Germany's largest totals of victims occurred during the early days of February before the British government had made fully ready to

meet the new menace. The rapid improvement of defensive methods has been shown by the frequent falling off in submarine victims during the last days of the month.

"In proportion to their numbers, merchant ships of the allied powers can take care of themselves. It is the unarmed neutral shipping that proportionately has contributed most seriously to the increased sinkings since the submarines began to fire on all vessels at sight. If neutral vessels arm themselves and defend their right to traverse the seas, there will be a still further drop in the number of submarine victims."

GERMANS STILL HOLD YARROWDALE CREW

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 28.—First editorial comment of German newspapers on the sinking of the Cunard liner Laconia, justified this latest example of the German submarine warfare by suggesting it was merely a carrying out of the German warnings that hostile ships would be torpedoed in the barred zone.

The Tages Rundschau called attention to the practice of the British admiralty in changing the character of its ships. "The Laconia," the editorial asserted, "was on the British list of war cruisers in 1916. If she has now met her fate in the passenger service this is one case out of many, where the English admiralty used ships fitted for warships one time as warships, then as passenger ships, then as hospital ships. Whether this is done for tactical advantage, or is the result of a shortage of ships, we do not know. This is a typical case of the German order regarding such ships."

The Tages Rundschau was the first of the Berlin newspapers to make editorial comment on the Laconia.

Berliners are in entire agreement in the complete success of the submarine war, as expressed by the imperial chancellor in his speech before the reichstag yesterday.

This session of the reichstag was a notable one.

One new feature was a plan by which all newspaper correspondents admitted to the galleries were furnished "journalist's cards," on which were photographs of the man thus accredited.

The tribune, from which the chancellor made his speech, was not overcrowded with officials as customary in such big speeches. The chancellor was accorded enthusiastic applause. He spoke nearly an hour. Announcement was made last night that there was a case of an infectious disease in the town where the prisoners — including Americans — brought into port on the steamer Yarrowdale, were interned. For this reason the prisoners are still kept in the town. It is recognized that neutrals cannot be expected to permit the American prisoners to enter their country with the danger of infection present, therefore the Americans have been temporarily held in quarantine.

It is officially stated that none of the Americans are infected and that they are all well.

When Not to Smoke.
 By exhausting the salivary secretion smoking before meals prevents the physiological action of the saliva on starchy foods. Smoking just before going to bed is often followed by insomnia, because the stomach contains a quantity of unneutralized juice, which irritates the mucosa and gives rise to a sensation of hunger. "This distressing consequence may be averted by taking either some light food or a little bicarbonate of soda before retiring to rest in order to neutralize the secretion.—London Lancet.

CONSUL REPORTS ON LACONIA DISASTER

Washington, Feb. 28.—How Laconia life boat No. 8, in which Mrs. and Miss Hoy died of exposure at sea, was raked and flung against the Cunarder's portside by a mountainous swell, was briefly but dramatically told today in two more state department dispatches from Consul Frost at Queenstown, and Ambassador Page at London.

Page's cable merely said the admiralty had officially informed him the ship was torpedoed without warning and that Austin Hoy had called at the embassy to say his mother and sister were native American citizens. The dispatch from Frost said:

"Have separate affidavits Floyd Gibbons, Arthur Kirby, Father Joseph Warning, Mrs. Harris and Robert Gills, and joint affidavits 15 American negroes, joint affidavits six senior officers and joint affidavit crew survivors boat No. 8 and sworn memorandum from Third Officer Choppin, who conversed with the submarine commander.

"Gills was night watchman, from Scotland, naturalized in New York, December 8, 1906.

"Deaths of Hoy women and negro coffee, covered by affidavits, show boat No. 8 was raked and flung by lowering against port side and filled with water at once, but floated away by its tanks; became separated from other boats and was picked up by the second patrol the twenty-sixth at 7 a. m. Eight of its 22 occupants succumbed during the night.

"Mrs. Hoy was the first to succumb at 1:30 a. m. Then the negro, Coffey, about 1:45 a. m.; then Elizabeth Hoy, about 2:30.

"Several bodies were thrown overboard during the night, but the Hoy bodies not until daybreak.

"Coffey's address was care of Mary Jones, 813 Watce street, Baltimore. Kirby's address was Balmbridge, N. Y. Douglas Adams' address, 378, 18th street, Newport News.

"All survivors except four hospital cases left Cork at 4 p. m., the 27th and will reach London morning 28th. Laconia carried 17 women and five children, all saved except the Hoy's. "Hospital cases all due to transshipment from boats to admiralty vessels and then to danger by heavy swells in the darkness.

"Mrs. Harris is well; will reach London tomorrow. Gibbons is in London."

THEATRE AUDIENCES.

A Sermon For Those Who Arrive Late and Depart Early.

It is one of our most beloved national customs not to go into a theater until the curtain has risen. If by some stupid blunder we have arrived punctually we smoke a cigarette in the lobby.

So the cunning playwright takes care not to start his story until at least five minutes later. He occupies these five minutes with a colorless scene of some kind just to keep the groundlings amused. In some cases he will begin each act in the same way. It depends on how fashionable his audience is and how thirsty. For a converse reason he must finish his play five minutes before the final curtain falls.

Another of our national customs is to leave the theater the moment Edwin has embraced Angelina, although the author may have reserved a quaint comedy touch or a dramatic surprise for the actual end.

It is no use altering the hour of performance. Begin at midnight if you like; we shall not come until five minutes after. Leave off at 10; we shall go out five minutes before. It is in the blood. The idea that an audience owes any consideration to authors or actors is entirely foreign to us. The very suggestion of it is almost an impertinence.—Louis N. Parker in New York Times.

Envelopes at the Courier.

PRESS COMMENT ON SINKING OF LACONIA

New York, Feb. 28.—Editorial comment on the sinking of the Laconia, and the international situation in general, follows:

New York Tribune—At last the administration faces an "overt act" on Germany's part, which it can hardly explain away. Mr. Wilson has said many times that he would not tolerate any more such murders. He has pledged himself again and again to "protect our people in their legitimate and peaceful pursuits on the seas." Now the occasion has come which compels him to make his words good. If those words mean anything, the administration is bound in honor to ask congress to declare war. Nothing short of a declaration of war will suffice.

New York World—It is a disgrace to congress, it is a disgrace to the American people, it is a disgrace to the eternal principles of the republic, that there could have been an hour's wrangling and haggling over the question whether the United States should maintain its honor or surrender abjectly to German ruthlessness. There has been enough of national humiliation. A congress that is not unqualifiedly and reservedly American in this crisis, has made itself the Kaiser's ally.

New York Herald—All doubts about the necessity of the government's taking immediate steps for the absolute protection of merchant vessels have been removed by the sinking of the British liner Laconia.

New York Times—Casuistry cannot disguise, nor ingenuity palliate the crime of the German submarine commander who sank the Laconia. He murdered American citizens. Every circumstance of atrocity is present in the case of the Laconia. We are now called upon to defend the liberties of the nation.

Chicago Tribune—The nation is at the turning point of the road. The president has asked for a painted lath to wield in a field of steel. If congress turns away from the obvious need of the nation for full and swift preparation, and refusing the warnings of experience, continues to shirk, and postpone, we shall pay for it in blood and humiliation.

Chicago Herald—The eyes of the world are turned on congress. President Wilson has taken his unmistakable stand. But no one can speak with assurance of a congress that is still talking of a filibuster. It is this state of mind which makes Germany willing to undertake an outrage such as the sinking of the Laconia—the long feared "overt act."

For congress to fall at this crisis; to endure a filibuster in order to escape making a decision would be a shameful exhibition of disloyalty and unforgivable. To refuse to support the president would be little short of a calamity.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat—The sinking of the Laconia is striking and convincing proof that the German government is putting unrestricted submarine warfare into operation. If the president were surrounded by strong official advisers, whom the people could trust, there would be less perturbation, but he thinks and acts alone and the past is no indication of infallible wisdom.

St. Louis Republic—President Wilson should be free. Congress should give him power. We are, in short, in a situation such that the executive branch of the government must be strengthened. A board of managers may sail a ship in fair weather, but if they are wise they will defer to the captain when a storm threatens.

Kansas City Journal—They (the Germans) are liable to mistake discussion for weakness and lack of loyalty. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Kansas City Star—In this crisis there is no time for hesitation. Congress ought to go the limit in backing the president in energetic steps for safeguarding American rights.

Rocky Mountain News (Denver)—Congress should give the president every iota of power for which he stakes up to the limits provided by the constitution. But it is our hope that the president will also grant to congress its fair place in the task that the sinking of the British liner Laconia brings appreciably nearer that he will call the new congress into session that it may, with new blood and new ideas, overset the old inertia.

Portland Oregonian—The peace at any price or avoidance of war at any cost propaganda is the counsel of cowardice and ignominy. It cannot and must not be heeded. It means national loss, decay, degradation,

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PORTLAND MARKETS
 Portland, Feb. 28.—Today's market quotations were:
 Wheat—Club, 157; bluestem, 163.
 Oats—No. 1 white feed, 36.25.
 Barley—Feed, 38.50.
 Hogs—Best live, 12.85.
 Prime steers, 9.50 @ 9.80; fancy cows, 8.50; best calves, 10.00.
 Spring lambs, 13.00.
 Butter—City creamery, 43; country, 34.
 Butterfat—Unchanged.
 Eggs—Selected local extras, 25 @ 27.
 Hens, 18 @ 19; broilers, 20; geese, 12 1/2 @ 13.
 Copper, 30.

HOLLWEG APPLAUDED IN REICHSTAG TODAY
 Berlin, Feb. 28.—At today's meeting of the reichstag, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, in a much-applauded speech, reviewed the political, naval and military situation as developed since the beginning of unrestricted submarine warfare. The house was crowded, almost all diplomats staying in Berlin being present. The chancellor began his speech in a clear, loud, ringing tone. The chancellor spoke in the most vivacious fashion, with especial energy and brilliancy. Almost every sentence was accompanied by expressions of general approval on the part of his hearers. Frequently members of parliament applauded. After he had concluded there was general applause and hand-clapping, joined in by the galleries.
Why Catch Them At All?
 An Indianapolis man recently saw for the first time a "flock" of flying fish in the Pacific ocean. "I am perplexed as to the proper thing to do in the case of flying fish," he writes. "Should one catch them with a hook and line, shoot them or use a bird net?" Indianapolis News.
 Calling cards at the Courier.
 A classified ad will give results.

Knock at Our Door!
 California in February means Springtime. The golden oranges are on the trees. Birds are returning from the south. Blossoms are appearing on many of the trees. Just the right kind of weather for outdoor recreation. You can afford to spend a few weeks in Southern California. The change of climate, surroundings and amusements will improve your health and HEALTH IS WEALTH.
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