

WILL CONTINUE BLOCKADE PLANS

Submarine Blockade Not Directed Against Neutral Commerce Says Berlin Note.

MEASURE OF SELF DEFENSE IMPOSED BY ENGLAND, CLAIM

Blockade Keeps Vessels From Holland; British Have Confidence in Navy.

(By United Press Association) Berlin, Feb. 18.—The official text of the German reply to the American protest against the blockade order is being withheld from the press, but the summaries give evidence that the kaiser's government stands firmly on its original intentions. The foreign office takes the position that Germany is within her international rights in ordering the sinking of the merchantmen, because England refused to lift the embargo on food shipments intended for German civilians.

The note is couched in friendly terms but points out that the allies have thought unlimited supplies from the United States, that are absolute contraband, being exported from America to both England and France.

The full text of the note was later made public. In it Germany firmly reiterates her determination to continue the submarine blockade on the British coast. The tone of the note was especially friendly to the United States. The note says the blockade is in no way directed against neutral commerce, but represents solely the measure of self defense imposed on Germany by vital interests against England's methods of warfare.

Shipping Paralyzed.

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—The effect of the German blockade in the British waters is apparent. Not a single ship has reached here since yesterday afternoon. The liners Zuideryk and Richard sailed for the United States and several of the others sailed for England, six travelers sail to England with cargoes of fish and ten Danish steamers sailed carrying foodstuffs. It is feared some of these will fall victims to the German submarines.

Blockade Starts.

London, Feb. 18.—This is the day set for the opening of the German blockade of the British Isles and its war on British merchantmen, dawned cold and it is wet and gloomy. A driving rain swept the British harbors, but neither it nor threats of the kaiser halted the shipping. The British mariners apparently were not greatly affected by the submarine menace. Everywhere in England, supreme confidence in the British navy is expressed.

Wilson Optimistic.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The president views the international situation optimistically despite the present complications and grave possibilities, it is officially announced. Germany's war zone announcement is giving the officials more concern than anything else, but the president believes it is improbable an American ship will be torpedoed.

DR. McPHERSON OF O. A. C. TO EXPLAIN EUROPEAN FARMING

Those interested in rural conditions in our country, as well as in rural conditions in Europe, should not fail to hear Doctor McPherson at the Albany Public Library this evening at 8:30. Doctor McPherson speaks from personal observation, having spent some time in Europe in study and in making investigations for our Federal government. The lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon views, most of which views were taken by Doctor McPherson himself. The lecture is given under the auspices of the Albany Public Library, and is free to all.

CHILD WIFE WANTS DIVORCE FROM HUSBAND S. C. GAVETT

Alleges Cruel And Inhuman Treatment; Less Than 15 When Married.

Married on November 9, 1913, before she was 15 years of age, Hilda M. Cavitt, still under eighteen, has filed suit for divorce against her husband, S. C. Cavett, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment as cause.

She states in her complaint that she was induced by Cavett to sign a paper prior to the date of their marriage, asserting that she was over eighteen. The marriage took place in Springfield. After the marriage, she asserts, her husband loafed around the house, smoked cigarettes, and made no effort to provide for her.

Later they went to live with her parents near Crabtree. She has one child, seventeen months of age, and requests that the court allow her the custody of it. In addition she asks \$30 a month as alimony.

Father Lane went to Portland this morning.

Dr. Gipe went to Salem this morning on business.

L. G. Lewelling went to Salem this morning.

MRS. LORNA H. BILYEU DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Tuberculosis Brings Death to Albany Woman; Funeral to Be Tomorrow.

After a severe illness, Mrs. Lorna Hulbert Bilyeu died yesterday evening at the Hulbert home on 1015 West Washington street. Mrs. Bilyeu was 23 years old. Tuberculosis is the cause of death given. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock, Dr. Leach officiating. From there the body will be taken to Orleans cemetery and interment will take place at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Hulbert was the youngest daughter of Mrs. Sylvia Hulbert of this city. Her father died four years ago. She was born on February 6, 1892, in this county. In addition to her mother, her husband, V. C. Bilyeu, and two sisters, Lyla and Vesta Hulbert are left to mourn her.

CITY NEWS

Business Men Organize—

Dr. Robnett was chosen as the head of a club of business men who are either members or in attendance at the Methodist church of this city at a meeting held last night. The club will hold monthly meetings at which the discussion will not be limited to matters spiritual.

Leave for Fair—

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roller, of Carthage, N. Y., who have been visiting here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warner, left this morning for Tacoma. After a short visit there, they will go south to take in the San Francisco and San Diego expositions.

Weather Report—

In the 24 hours ending this morning at 8 o'clock the rainfall has totalled .03 inches. In the same period the temperature has varied from 54 to 40 degrees. The river stands at 3.6 feet.

At the Rolfe—

Ten years ago when the shore drama "As Ye Sow" was successfully exploited by Brady & Grismer, public attention was aroused by the fact that the author was a clergyman, the Rev. John Snyder. He got his local color near where he lived and worked, on the Massachusetts coast; his characters were drawn from life. It will be shown at the Rolfe Friday and Saturday.

Boy Scout Meeting—

Only a few parents of Albany boys attended the meeting held at the Y. M. C. A. last night at which Chester A. Lyon, of Lebanon, spoke on the boy scout question. Secretary McDonald, however, says that the work of organization will go on, but that every boy joining must have the full consent of his parents.

BEACH DIVORCE OCCUPIES COURT

Wife Wore Buckskin Breeches, Says Husband in His Cross-Complaint.

INHUMAN TREATMENT IS ALLEGED BY PLAINTIFF

\$20,000 Involved in Decision of the Court; Couple Married But Short Time.

That his wife rode buckskin riding breeches, and purchased various articles of buckaroo costume, was one of the principle grievances in the cross complaint of John H. Beach in his fight in circuit court today against the granting of a decree of divorce to his wife, Lola Beach. Cigarette smoking, and absence of any emphy toward malt liquor were other allegations made in the cross complaint of the defendant.

Weatherford and Weatherford, of Albany, and Judge McFadden, of Corvallis, are the attorneys for the defendant, while Pliedner, Hall, and Greenfield are representing Mrs. Beach in the case before Judge Galloway.

The suit involves considerable property as the plaintiff, basing her suit on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, has asked for \$100 a month alimony, \$500 for attorneys' fees and one-third of the \$60,000 property owned by Mr. Beach. The couple were married in Seattle on May 21, 1914. Now she wants her maiden name, Lola O'Neill, restored.

In her complaint, Mrs. Beach alleged that her husband regarded himself as lord of all he surveyed and regarded her in the light of a servant. It was also asserted that she had to work in the hop yards in order to obtain enough money to clothe herself properly.

Mrs. Beach was the first witness and remained on the stand for over an hour. It is expected that the case will continue on well into the afternoon.

ALBANY COLLEGE CONSERVATORY RECITAL TONIGHT

A recital of the classes of Misses Wagener and Celment, of the Albany college conservatory of music will be held tonight at the Presbyterian church, beginning at 8:30. Following is the program:

- Entrance March Gade
- Lelia Watson
- Bell Rondo Streabog
- Cabaletta Minerva Braden
- Echo and I Bugbee
- Louise Mason
- Tow Little Honey Bees Krogmann
- Idilio Josephine Ralston
- Maud Rolfe
- Fantasia Mendelssohn
- Rococo-Minnet Nolock
- Hungarian Dance Sartorio
- Edward Sox
- (a) Volgein (Birdling) Greig
- (b) Schmetterling (Mutterfly) Harriett Van Tassel
- Valse Mignon Borowski
- Minuet Gertrude Braden
- Helen Phillips

CHURCH WILL COMMEMORATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Judge Percy R. Kelly will be the speaker of the evening at the Washington's birthday services which will be held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening in this city. The Linn county chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be in attendance, and St. Johns Lodge A. F. & A. M., will also be present.

PERMANENT REGISTRATION BILL PASSED IN SENATE

Compulsory Vaccination Killed; Disagrees With House Amendments.

(By United Press Association) Salem, Feb. 18.—The senate refused to memorialize congress or urge the secretary of the interior to urge the appropriation of \$450,000 for expenditure on the Central Oregon irrigation project on condition that the 1917 legislature appropriate a similar amount.

The senate passed a permanent registration bill, which now goes to the governor. The senate killed Moser's compulsory vaccination bill. The house indefinitely postponed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the construction of buildings for a medical department for the state university. The house refused to concur in the senate amendments to the Schuebel compensation bill.

REXALLS BOOST STANDING BY WINNING 3 STRAIGHT

Teams in City Bowling League Closely Bunched in the Percentage Column.

Winning three straight games from the Sternberg team last night, the Rexalls boosted their standing in the city league to 500 per cent, having now won 24 out of 48 games played. Scores of the winners were 853, 851, and 851, while the losers rolled 801, 757, and 833.

Forty-eight games have now been played in the city league. The standing of the various teams according to games won, lost, and the percentage, is as follows:

Team	wn.	lst.	cnt.
Hauser Bros.	29	19	604
Sternbergs	23	25	479
Leaders	25	23	521
Pac. Tel. Co.	25	23	521
Rexalls	24	24	500
Country Club	18	30	375

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. D. E. Hart went to Stayton this morning to visit for a few days with friends in that vicinity.

Mrs. Plunkett returned to Munkers this morning.

Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, of Jefferson, spent yesterday evening in Albany, returning home this morning.

Chester A. Lyon, of Lebanon, left this morning for Mill City.

Rev. George Taylor went to Marion this morning.

M. A. Johnson went to Salem this morning to observe the workings of the legislature.

Mrs. C. Frietag, of Thomas, spent yesterday in Albany and returned to her home this morning.

Charles H. Glos, of Corvallis, is in Albany today on business.

J. G. Crawford went to Thomas this morning.

Ludwig Wilson went to Scio this morning to meet his music pupils.

Prof. Dearborn, of the O. A. C., was in Albany this morning on his way to Salem on business.

W. W. Crawford came in this morning from his place near Lebanon.

Dr. Booth, of Lebanon, is in Albany today on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, of Plainview, are Albany visitors today.

Mrs. W. B. Donaca, of Lebanon, is spending the day in Albany.

O. W. Reeves went to Portland on business this morning.

J. E. Tobey, of Amity, who has been stopping in Albany on business, left this morning for his home.

Mrs. Henrietta Hoyser, of Drain, arrived in Albany today and will be the guest of Mrs. Richard Warner over the week end.

Miss Harriett Hamilton went to Portland this morning to visit there with friends.

HYGIENE SOCIETY TO CONVENE HERE

Annual Convention Is Secured For Albany; No Local Representatives to Be Present.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS AT HEAD OF ORGANIZATION

Local Society Will Co-operate With Visitors in 2 Day Meeting Beginning Tomorrow.

Meeting here under the leadership of the president of the organization, William J. Foster, president of Reed College, The Oregon Social Hygiene Society will hold its annual convention in Albany beginning Friday. President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, will be chairman of the convention for the first day, and on Saturday, William J. Kerr, president of O. A. C. will take the chair.

The society has as its aim education along the line of sexual matters, but believes that this education must be undertaken by trained men and women of the highest class. The convention here will not be a public affair.

While there are no Albany people in the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, the is a local society having the same aim and working along the same line. Among its members are: Dr. Davis, Dr. C. V. Littler, J. L. Tomlinson, C. E. Sox, A. C. Schmitt, and Superintendent Boettcher, of the Albany public schools. The local society will co-operate with the state organization in making the convention a success.

The St. Francis hotel has been selected as the headquarters during the convention.

The Oregon Social Hygiene Society is approved by the state government and is working out its plan of enlightenment with the aid of a state appropriation. This year they are asking a larger amount, feeling that it will be necessary in carrying out the work which they have begun.

NEAL LITTLER'S GRANDFATHER PASSES HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY

Neal Littler, a Salem boy who lives with relatives at 829 South Twelfth street, has the distinction of having a grandfather, James Davis Fort, who is the son of a revolutionary soldier, and who recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth at his home in Marion, Grand county, Indiana. There are many "Hoosiers" in the vicinity who know the centenarian and will be glad to learn that besides the big birthday celebration given in his honor, a committee representing the Marion branch of the D. A. R. back in the state of Indiana presented Mr. Fort with a beautiful American flag.—Salem Statesman.

Neal Littler is a cousin of Dr. C. V. Littler of this city, and formerly resided here.

S. D. Murray, of Toledo, was in Albany yesterday afternoon on business.

Mrs. R. C. Thomas, of Jefferson, is visiting with her parents in Albany.

John Anderson and John Weber, of Detroit, were in Albany today attending to business matters.

NO EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS PREDICTED

Washington, Feb. 18.—There will be no extra session of congress, is the word given out on the highest authority. It is indicated that the president will be favorable to the reported plan to allow the Weeks-Gore compromise ship purchase bill to go to conference for about ten days to permit the passage in both houses of the appropriation bills. Afterwards another attempt will be made to pass the ship bill; but if the Republican filibuster continues the bill will be abandoned.

GALLOWAY TREADS ON AIR IN CIRCUIT COURT TODAY

Judicial Grandfather Classes Himself With Woodrow Wilson, Also Grandfather.

It was with difficulty that Judge Galloway maintained his customary judicial composure this morning when he donned the figurative ermine to determine the merits in the divorce case of Beach vs. Beach. The judge admitted that although he was on duty today, it was one of the hardest jobs he had ever tackled to keep his mind out of Salem where his newly born granddaughter is residing at the home of her father Charles Galloway.

The infant made her advent into Salem affairs early Tuesday morning, and the judge declares that she is absolutely the finest specimen of femininity that ever existed.

"What good is a boy anyway?" Galloway inquired almost belligerently shortly before assuming his official character as circuit court judge this morning. "I've got a granddaughter. Isn't that enough?"

Judge Galloway stated today that his daughter-in-law is doing well and that the father of the girl is expected to survive. The judge now considers himself in the same class with his fellow democrat, Woodrow Wilson, who was recently honored similarly.

TREASURER WILL SEND OUT OVER 8000 TAX STATEMENTS

Mailing Will Start Tomorrow; Extra Force Works on Preparation of Bills.

County treasurer W. W. Francis is preparing to send out statements of tax due to the taxpayers of Linn County. He stated this morning that the work of mailing would start tomorrow morning and would probably take about two days. An extra force has been working in the treasurer's office making the bills ready, and Br. Francis stated that between 8000 and 9000 would be sent out.

Appalled by the visions of blistered tongues from the licking of so many envelopes, the girls in the office force have dodged the possibility by substituting on gum arabic for the next two days and will resort to the less artistic method of a wet brush in sealing the statement containers.

CITY NEWS

Leaves Hospital—

Mrs. O. W. Mitchell, who has been at St. Mary's hospital for treatment, was well enough today so that she could be taken to her home. She is feeling greatly improved.

New Bus Service—

The St. Francis hotel has started a depot bus service, which went into use last night. The bus is of the auto variety and was formerly used here when the St. Francis was first in existence.

Basketball Team Arrives—

The University of Washington basketball team arrived in Albany this afternoon on their way to Eugene where they have a series of two games scheduled with the University of Oregon.

Harrisburg City Recorder—

T. J. Anderson, of Harrisburg, has been in the city today. As this is his thirteenth year as city recorder of Harrisburg he has not yet decided whether that means good luck or bad luck. One thing he knows, though, is that there is not much doing in the office. Mr. Anderson also has the distinction of having been county assessor one term, a very efficient official.

Administrator's Report—

In the matter of the estate of Joseph S. Ames, M. V. Weatherford and C. E. Sox, administrators, have filed a report in the probate court, showing the disposition of the estate, which was valued at over \$12,000.

Get Dodge Agency—

Crawford and Ralston, of this city have been selected by Dodge Brothers, of Detroit, Michigan, as the local agents for the Dodge car. An installment of cars will arrive here in the near future.

GERMANS ADMIT HEAVY REVERSES

Superior French Force Causes Evacuation Stronghold in Argonne District.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE CORROBORATES TEUTON REPORT

Concealed Artillery Plays Important Part in Victory; Fierce Fighting Continues.

(By United Press Association) Berlin, Feb. 18.—Material German reverses in the Argonne district is admitted by the war office. The "village of Norroy, commanding the hill, previously captured by the Germans, was evacuated in the face of a superior French force," the statement said. "The entrenchments of the French were dynamited before the troops retreated. Heavy fighting continues north of Rheims, north of Perthes, and about Lille and Arras."

French Advance. Paris, Feb. 18.—Material advances of the French lines in the vicinity of Chepy is announced by the war office. Supported by a concealed artillery, the French are declared to have cleared a large section of the woods of Germans. Sanguinary fighting is reported south of Bois Des Forges, the French troops advancing a quarter of a mile, the statement declares. Efforts to dislodge the French who recently occupied the trenches, failed. Artillery duels are in progress along the Aisne.

FORMER LINN COUNTY MAN GETS JOB AS O. A. C. REGENT

The state senate has confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Clara H. Waldo and Jefferson Myers of Portland, and N. R. Moore, of Corvallis, as members of the O. A. C. Board of Regents. Mrs. Waldo is a Democrat and succeeds herself. Mr. Myers is a Democrat and N. R. Moore a Republican, these two succeeding B. F. Irvine and E. E. Wilson, Democrats, whose terms expired February 15. The present membership of the board is comprised of five Republicans and four Democrats, as required by law. The other members are J. K. Weatherford, of Albany; Capt. Apperson, Oregon City; von der Hellen of Medford; C. L. Hawley, McCoy; George Cornwell, Portland; Walter M. Pierce, LaGrande. Mr. Spence, master of the state grange, the governor, secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction are ex-officio members of the board.

ARMS EMBARGO UNNEUTRAL SAYS PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, Feb. 18.—The embargo by the United States on the exportation of arms to belligerents in Europe will be completely an unneutral act, the president told the committee who presented a petition signed by 28,000 asking for such an embargo.

G. W. Baker, of Arlington, is in Albany to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lorna Bilyeu.

RADICAL CHANGES TO BE MADE IN STATE GAME LAWS

A new game law which has been agreed upon by the state legislature, and which will probably become a law, Female pleaguants will be subject to the death penalty of the autumn hunter the same as the male birds, with a limit of two day and four in a week. Quail will be protected at all times except for ten days in Klamath county. The deer season will be shortened 15 days, the open season being Aug. 15 to Oct. 31, with a limit of three birds for the season.