

CORRESPONDENT GIVES SITUATION

Inside of Condition in Germany
Narrated; Break Was a
Surprise.

GERMANY TOLD U. S. DID NOT DARE DO IT

Internal Affairs at a Crisis,
People Destitute and
Despondent.

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Berlin, Feb. 13.—Severance of relations astonished Berlin. German-Americans in the U. S. assured officials that President Wilson would not dare act, leaving internal trouble. Chancellor Hollweg was admittedly downcast when Ambassador Gerard departed. Foreign Secretary Zimmermann was nervous when he said farewell to the American correspondents. He insisted that "President Wilson wants war." He denied that Germany had made irrevocable her Sussex promises. Gen. Hindenburg believes the submarines will win the war before the United States enters. He is awaiting opportunity for a decisive battle. He cancelled all army furloughs in February. The Germans think that French munitions are low on account of the coal famine there. Militarists are anxious for a fight with the United States. Newspapers are urging caution. They urged that submarines should spare vessels carrying American passengers. The censorship has been very severe the last three months. Correspondents were unable to truly depict German conditions. The censors passed dispatches designed to influence American public opinion. They halted all others. Germany's internal affairs reached a crisis in November. The people were destitute and despondent. Socialists threatened a militant peace movement unless the Kaiser asked for peace immediately. Powerful anti-American land owners and industrial leaders demanded unlimited submarine. The National Liberals seeking an American war enlisted Zimmermann's aid for ruthless submarine. Chancellor Hollweg's peace speech won the Socialists. The allies' reply greatly frightened Turkey. The Sultan must continue fighting while the Germans defend Constantinople. Gen. Hindenburg absolutely controls Bulgaria.

WILL VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

New President of U. S. To Be Elected Tomorrow; Looks Like Wilson
Washington, Feb. 13.—(By United Press)—The next President of the United States will be elected tomorrow. It probably will be President Wilson. In fact, under inviolable custom, it will certainly be President Wilson. But no law of the land says so; and, indeed, if the intent of the Constitution prevailed, the world tonight would be hanging breathless on the voice of the 531 presidential electors, whose votes are to be officially counted tomorrow. Before the House and Senate assembled, and in the presence of the nine robed justices of the U. S. Supreme Court, the official votes, under the seals of the Secretaries of State of the various states, will be opened by the Clerk of the House and counted. Members of Congress, from each political party will be told off as tellers to confirm the count. November 7 told the tale, or at least November 9, but official election comes tomorrow.

BIG LINER A VICTIM

London, Feb. 13.—(By United Press)—It is announced that the White Star liner *Africa* was submerged. This is the biggest victim yet of unrestricted submarine. Seventeen sailors are missing. The admiralty stated that the explosion killed five sailors outright. It is admitted that the *Africa* was engaged in government service, and probably was a transport.

CIGARETTE BILL GETS DOCTORED, PASSES HOUSE

Haggled and lacerated, the Sweeney cigarette bill, as amended, passed the house last night, in the interest of the cigarette trust. It is called a compromise. As amended the Linn county delegation voted against it, though all were solidly for the Sweeney bill. It simply restricts the sale and use by minors, requires district attorneys to prosecute for its violation, with a penalty if they fail to do so. The cigarette itself will remain, with its nauseous advertising and bad influence. The bill as fixed up is expected to pass the house.

SHORT HORN SALE AT SUVER GREAT SUCCESS

Twenty Head of Registered
Cattle Brought Average
of \$199.50.

A big shorthorn sale of a good deal of interest was held yesterday at the farm of Joe Smith, with a large crowd present, showing the increasing interest in this popular breed of cattle. Twenty head of blooded shorthorns were sold, with a lively competition. The average price paid was \$199.50, decidedly close to \$200. The highest price paid was \$400, by Mr. Crankshanks, of Independence. E. F. Anderson, of this city, bought three to add to his fine herd of shorthorns on the Anderson farm. Robert Y. McCune, of near this city, bought two for his herd. A. L. Stevenson, of Corvallis, did the crying. Among those attending from Linn county were J. L. Cornett, of Shedd, and Edd. Holloway, of near this city, both of whom have shorthorn herds.

FAIRCHILD SISTERS GIVE FINE PROGRAM

Talented Musicians and Entertainers
Are Clever Types of
American Beauties.

Pleasing a large audience, the Fairchild Sisters, at the Christian church last night in the regular Y. M. C. A. course, gave a program that brought out the splendid talent of the company, full of good music, with a variety to it. The four young ladies have a charming personality, appearing in tasty toggers, giving their numbers with snap. Good singers, fine musicians, they present their program without a single dull feature in it. When the program closed there was a feeling that one would like to have them come back some day and be seen and heard again by Albany people.

The next number of the course will be the Sanaroffs on March 19, and the season's course will close April 16, with Edward Amerst Ott.

Those who missed the Fairchild Quartette at the Christian church last night missed a real treat, in the musical and entertainment line. And to talk to these charming girls of the stage was just as pleasing. They are a real, live quartette of American girls, talented, well educated and cultivated in every manner. At the depot this morning they talked freely of their trip and their future, and gave the Democrat reporter almost as good an entertainment as was witnessed last night.

The quartette is composed of Mrs. B. Fairchild Keenen, Miss Lela Fairchild, Miss Dorothy Fairchild and Miss Mildred Meinen. Their home is at Beloit, Wisconsin, and they were real pleased last night when a local man, former University of Wisconsin student who is well acquainted with their part of the state, called on them after the concert.

The girls are versatile. They can sing, they can play and they can whistle. This morning they confessed that at least one breakdown in their three whistling stunts is expected each evening, so they were not as much surprised last night as was their audience when Miss Meinen became amused at a baldheaded man down in front and lost her pucker. Then Miss Mildred Fairchild "blew up," and the rest of the chorus was lost in laughter, with which the audience heartily joined.

In justice to the girls it must be stated that they are just as good looking off the stage as they are on it. Before the footlights (if a church can be spoken of as having footlights) they were attired in beautiful evening gowns of mode, and when they left here this morning they wore stylish traveling suits and jaunty, comfortable hats and caps.

They have been in nearly all parts of the country on this trip. Recently they toured California, as far south as Calexico where the Oregon troops were. They remarked about the beautiful climate that they found in Albany, which is their first and only stop in Oregon at present, and praised it as being the equal of anything they struck in California. They were also highly pleased with their audience here last night and expressed the hope that they might return here in the future for another concert. Here's hoping that the Redpath Lyceum Bureau puts Albany in their path again!

From here they went to Kelso, Washington, where they play tonight. Then they go to Montesano, Leavenworth and other places. They return to Oregon, striking the state between Walla Walla and Pendleton, and play through the eastern portion next month.

Miss Velma Davis returned to the city last evening after visiting with friends in Portland.

D. A. Hodue of Salem is in the city today.

SUBMARINING MAY KILL WHEAT TRADE

Five Chi. Elevators Have
Already

SIX MORE TO STOP BUSINESS SOON

Wheat Market Is on the Slump,
Eastward Shipments Are
Stopping.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Submarining has caused five grain elevators to close. The market broke, and May wheat dropped two cents, July three, September two and a half. It is announced that six additional elevators will soon close. They cannot ship grain. All the Western railroads have embargoed grain shipments Eastward. Dealers predicted a complete demoralization of the market unless relief is forthcoming.

HOW BOOZE BOOSTS Or, City Enterprise:

John F. Albright, city councilman and candidate for sheriff at the last primary election, was arrested here for an attempt to drive his automobile into the Grand theater, where, it is said, he desired to show his wares on the stage. Albright was arrested when he had driven the machine onto the sidewalk in front of the show house. He was put in jail on a charge of drunkenness, but was later released upon his promise to appear for hearing Monday morning. The big automobile was held by the officers until the following day. While in jail Mr. Albright, who has been fined several times by Portland officials for his antics at the wheel of his machine while intoxicated, intimated that his political enemies were a frame-up on that part.

Albright entered a plea of not guilty before Recorder Lohler on Tuesday.

AFTER JOHN B.

Georgetown Chapter of Delta Chi
Goes on Waterwagon Today

Washington, Feb. 13.—To prove that they're sincere in their fight to bar John Barleycorn from fraternities in the Nation's capital, members of the Georgetown University chapter of Delta Chi fraternity smashed the flowing bowl and climbed aboard the waterwagon publicly here today.

NORMAL TEACHERS

Lane leads the counties of Oregon in the number of graduates of the State Normal School at Monmouth, with a record of 36 five years. Sherman is second with 29 graduates who are filling positions as teachers in the public schools. Benton, Linn and Marion counties have 28 each; Yamhill and Clackamas 20. Grant county has but one teacher who is a graduate of the Monmouth institution.

GOOD IDEA

Music With Your Meals Solves the
High Cost of Living, He Says

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Music with your meals solves the high cost of living problem if it's the right kind of music with the right kind of meals, according to Dr. Harry D. Kitson of Chicago University, here today. "You eat a T-bone steak while the orchestra plays a waltz," said Dr. Kitson, "and next day you hear that waltz and you want another T-bone. You'd want it just as bad if it was liver and bacon the waltz had been played to, or hash. So there you have it. Develop your taste for moderate priced food by playing the appetite into yourself with any kind of musical instrument handy."

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HONOR MEMORY OF LINCOLN

An interesting session of the Knights of Pythias was held last evening. Degrees were given to two candidates—to Glen Willard in the first and Mr. Olson in the second. Following the regular lodge work A. N. Minton gave Lincoln's Gettysburg address and Leon Rennels read an appreciation of Abraham Lincoln. A light lunch was served following the work. On Washington's birthday a special program will be arranged and efforts will be made to make this a big one in the lodge. It will be homecoming day for the oldtimers.

MINISTER'S HOME IS INVADDED BY BURGLARS

House Entered and Ransacked
During Revival Services;
Nothing Taken.

An attempt to burglarize the home of Rev. C. L. Schuster, pastor of the Evangelical church, 1332 East First street, was made last evening while the family was at revival services which are being conducted this week. As far as can be discovered nothing was taken except a flashlight. The house was turned topsy turvy in the search for valuables, but as Rev. Schuster keeps no money in the house and his valuables are just away nothing was found. It is the opinion of Rev. Schuster that the thieves were disturbed before they had finished and left the house with their search half done.

Entrance to the house was gained by climbing up over the woodshed and back porch and into the bathroom through the upper half of the window. They had first tried to get in through a window at the rear of the house by climbing up a ladder. They made their escape by raising a large window in the front of the house. The owner of the house had the keys to both the front and rear doors in his pocket. When Rev. and Mrs. Schuster entered their home after the evening's services they discovered the front window open. Then they noticed things disturbed in the lower part of the house, and upon going upstairs they found their room turned inside out. Bureau drawers were emptied, beds turned over and things in a disorder generally.

No clue as to the intruders was left, but it is the opinion of Rev. Schuster that it must have been some one who had watched their movements and knew of their whereabouts at the hours selected for the intended robbery.

HIGH CLASS VAUDEVILLE PROMISED FOR WEDNESDAY

Another taste of high class vaudeville will be given Albany theatre-goers tomorrow night with the presentation of the fifth road show of the Hippodrome circuit, "Tour 'B." And it promises to be a regular show. First there is a clever little playlet, "Our Career," a comedy on college life written by Miss Edna Reiser. California girl with marked ability, and played by her and a well selected cast of players. Miss Reiser takes the role of Dolly Dunn, the fiancée of a young playright (Frank Heath) Bobby Cameron. Steward Dunn, her brother, is played by E. L. Robinson, and the part of Vera Masten, a college girl, is portrayed by Miss Rose Klein. The time of the play is laid in the present and the place in any college town, indicating that it must be fairly typical. Press reports from California papers give this company an excellent endorsement, which augurs well for the big crowd that will pack the Globe Theatre again this week.

Lovers of pretty steps and graceful dancing will find delight in the act of the Dancing Cronins, two sprightly young people who do a novelty terpsichorean act. Dorothy Cronin and Raymond Cronin are former students of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle in New York, and are said to reproduce the work of these famous artists in a most pleasing manner. They produce a Spanish waltz, Spanish Dance, Egyptian dance, sailors horrippe and modern dances with the grace and charm of a pair of sprites.

Darro, a daring young comedian, will show something new in the line of acrobatic tumbling and balancing. While he does many feats that are truly difficult and remarkable, he at the same time lends a touch of comedy that lifts it clear out of the ordinary athletic act. Besides these seven people in the three acts, there are seven reels of pictures, making a full evening's entertainment of the highest order. Edna Goodrich, the well known legitimate dramatic star, will be seen in a high class society play, "The House of Lies." In this a large amount of wonderful scenery is shown, as well as many beautiful gowns that are found in homes of the wealthy. And then Charlie Chaplin will covort on skates to the delight of not only the young, but the old in his newest comedy, "The Rink." It's some bill.

FREAK BILLS

- Selected from various legislatures:
- Minnesota—To force lumberjacks to bathe, and furnish tubs in lumber camps.
- Texas—To compel churchgoers to leave their firearms outside.
- Massachusetts—To prohibit physicians and dentists wearing whiskers.
- Colorado—To provide that bulls out walking at night shall wear tail lights.

BIG PRIVILEGE ASKED FOR ALLIES

Resolution Called For Allowing
Their Warships to Use
U. S. Ports.

MAY CAPTURE ENEMY OR USE FOR SAFETY

President Said to Favor It;
But Stone Objects to
Provisions.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(By United Press)—Senator Sanbury offered a resolution giving permission to the allies' warships to use American ports. He said: "This might enable the government to prevent violations of United States' sea rights without declaring war." It is understood that President Wilson completely approved the resolution. It provides that the allies' warships may enter the United States harbors for the purpose of "capturing, destroying, resisting and escaping from" belligerent vessels, practicing illegal sea warfare. It was referred to the Senate foreign relations committee. Senator Stone opposed the plan.

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA'S RETURN CONCERT TONIGHT

Tonight at the Junior High School Gymnasium, the Albany High School Orchestra will present its return concert. All of the Albany people who failed to hear this organization in its concert at the Globe Theatre previous to the concert tour of Southern Oregon, will now be afforded an opportunity to hear this wonderful student orchestra. Those who were fortunate to hear the first concert, will hear a better program at this return concert, as the organization is better after the experience of the tour, and the program has been re-arranged so that there is an entire change, a complete new entertainment will be given.

The program will consist of stand ard, classic, characteristic and popular music, solos, duets, and comic stunts, jokes, etc.

There is music to suit all tastes, with comedy mixed thru the program. This is a "real" entertainment, and one that you will remember for some time.

Lena Tobey, the sensational whistler, will again delight the audience with her wonderful accomplishments. She made quite a "hit" down in Southern Oregon, so don't fail to hear her. Frank Eastburn, singer, will make his first appearance with the orchestra, although he has appeared in public many times before. He has a fine voice, and presents very popular numbers.

Prof. Fox of Junior High, trombonist, and Prof. Moses, cornetist will offer some excellent trombone and cornet duets. Their playing is of high order, and their principal number will be the "Miserere" from Il Trovatore. Ralph Hecker, the "fun-maker" will display his ability as "Champcen Horn Tooter, of Susie's Band," during the fore part of the program, and give a new "Chinese Specialty" on the second part of the bill. If you like to laugh, watch "Red's" stunts, as he will cure you of the blues. This is a side-splitter for every one.

TAX COLLECTING THIS YEAR IS AHEAD OF 1916

Sheriff Bodine today made a turnover of 1916 taxes collected the past few days to County Treasurer W. W. Francis. In all, \$20,422.77 was turned over on the 1916 roll, and \$3206.23 additional on the delinquent list. The tax collecting force is ten days ahead of last year at this time. An earlier start was made this year, and up to date over 600 receipts have been written. The work seems to be well and ably handled.

ENGLAND PROPOSES TO PROTECT ATLANTIC TRAVEL

Line of Battleships Being Formed,
Submarines to Be
Fought.

New York, Feb. 13.—(By United Press)—Passengers from England declared that British warships had formed a lane across the Atlantic. There is a wireless communication by patrols. The admiralty has never interrupted it, and warships watch all trans-Atlantic vessels, attempting to prevent submarines from entering the safety lane.

AMERICANS ON BOARD

London, Feb. 13.—(By United Press)—There were three Americans among 15 Saxonian survivors, who landed today. The Saxonian was submerged February 8th. One American was injured. The English boatswain died from his wounds. The lifeboats drifted 68 hours before landing.

NAVY BILL PASSED

Washington, Feb. 13.—(By United Press)—The House passed the navy bill, appropriating three hundred and sixty-nine million dollars.

CITY NEWS

Time of George—William Holloway has a coin, a silver piece, of the age of King George III. George's picture speaks for it; but the date does not show.

From Ohio—

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Mackey, of Akron, Ohio, are here on a visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. D. Bussard. On their way here they visited with their son Claud Mackey, formerly of this city, at La Grande.

Died at Suver—

Alfred Flickinger died near Suver last Sunday. He was a native of Oregon, born near where he died Jan. 27, 1857. He leaves a wife and one son.

Weather Report—

The river yesterday rose to 7.1 feet. The temperature ranged between 55 and 36 degrees.

Tomorrow Sentiment Day—

St. Valentine's Day will be here tomorrow. It is generally observed these days in a sensible manner, with artistic effect predominating, rather than the old-time horrors.

Lottie Pickford Here—

Chief among those in support of Louise Huff in the Famous Players-Lasker Picture, "The Reward of Patience" is Lottie Pickford, sister of the celebrated Mary, who makes her first appearance on the screen after a long rest. Contrary to her former roles, Miss Pickford plays a "heavy" in the form of a society girl who runs away from her husband. The picture, which was directed by Robert G. Vignola, is the attraction at the Globe tonight.

\$31 in Bounty—

L. E. Buchanan, of Foster, was in town today, his first trip here since locating there three years ago. He brought down a cougar skin, which secured for him a warrant for \$25, and three bobcat skins, worth \$2 apiece in bounty. He treed the cougar with a dog and brought him down the first crack.

Gets Apartments—

Mrs. E. F. Lee has rented an apartment in the First Savings Bank building. She is at the head of the millinery department of the Worth Store, and expects to make Albany her home.

Salem Mules Here—

A wagon seen in the city today was labeled Salem Sanitary Milk Co. It was drawn rapidly by a handsome pair of mules, and reminded one that democracy is still in the swim in the capitol city.

Maxwell Funeral—

The funeral of Frank Maxwell, who died yesterday morning, at Knox Butte, will be held tomorrow at 1 p. m. at the M. E. church at Crabtree, with burial in the Central cemetery. Mr. Maxwell was a highly respected citizen, a native of Linn county, being born near Peoria 47 years ago, a member of a prominent pioneer family. Mrs. Maxwell is a sister of Smith Cox, of this city, also a member of a leading pioneer family. He leaves a wife and son, and many friends to mourn his death.

Troop Train in Morning—

It was reported that the troop train from the border with the Oregon soldiers on board, would pass thru the city today, but it is learned this afternoon that it will not be here until some time tomorrow morning, just when it is not yet known; but probably very early. As there are two Albany boys on board, Melvin Williamson and Alfred Tebbutt, a number of our people would like to meet them at the train and say hello to the boys, and give them a good greeting.

Two Lincoln Marriages—

Two couples honored the day yesterday by securing marriage licenses on Lincoln's birthday. Geo. F. Perry, 27, of Gooding, Idaho, and Miss Elizabeth Riddle, 24, of Harrisburg, were granted a permit to wed; and I. L. Oglebae, 39, and Freida Steidel, 30, of Shelburn were likewise granted a license.

HIGHWAY BILLS IN LEGISLATURE

Bowman's Two Bills Were Presented,
Covering State
Road Building.

AUTO BILL RAISES HALF MILLION ANNUALLY

Other Bill Provides For Net
Work of Roads in All Parts
of State.

Salem, Feb. 13.—(By United Press)

The State highway bonding program was launched today. The joint Senate and House roads and highways committees conferred and discussed Jay Bowerman's two bills. One provides for construction of highways and another increases automobile licenses for the purpose of raising half a million dollars annually. The bill provides for construction of a paved road from Multnomah county to Eugene via Harrisburg, Forest Grove and McMinnville. It extends the Columbia Highway from Multnomah to Astoria. The plans are to build a road in Eastern Oregon through whatever counties agree to establish rockwork foundations. It is additionally planned to build a system of rock-paved roads from Eugene to the California line, from Roseburg to Myrtle Point, McMinnville to Tillamook, Medford to Crater Lake by a forest road; Klamath Falls to Medford, The Dalles to Bend and Klamath Falls, Bend to Lakeview, Eugene to Coos Bay, La Grande to Joseph.

The House killed Crandall's bill fixing the maximum passenger fares. The railroad commission recommended its indefinite postponement.

BUILDING PROSPECTS

Bend—Another new building, the kind to be announced here this week, will be erected in the business section this spring, according to an announcement. The building will be put up by T. M. O'Donnell and will be located on Wall street. Local brick will be used, the total cost being about \$6,000.

The Dalles—More than \$250,000 worth of new building work is now in sight here for this spring. This includes a new plant for the Wittenberg-King Co., a new Roman Catholic school for boys, \$5,000 of improvements to the Buick garage, a new garage building for Claude Welch to cost about \$30,000, five modern apartment house dormitories for Libby, McNeil & Libby, and Architect C. J. Crandall also has several jobs in prospect that look promising.

GUARDING BRIDGES

Review: It was reported here today that the Southern Pacific Co. has employed a number of armed guards who will be stationed at the various bridges and tunnels of the company in Douglas county. Six of the guards left here Sunday, according to information given out at the Southern Pacific depot, and are now on duty watching the bridges and tunnels in the southern part of the county. The precautions taken by the Southern Pacific company and other railroad owners of the country are very similar to those adopted by the Government, and will be maintained indefinitely. Guarding the bridges and tunnels is necessary, it is claimed, because of the recent break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany. In the event of actual hostilities between the two countries the guard will be strengthened.

Miss Edith Knox of Portland spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Cecile Knox.

FINE FARM BOUGHT BY THE LUPERS OF TANGENT

An important real estate deal has just been completed, showing how the value of real property is keeping up, speaking for the excellent conditions prevailing in the agricultural business of the valley. A. C. Schmidt sold to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Luper the fine Markhart farm of 80 acres near the Tangent road. Mr. Schmidt acquired this in a trade a few months ago, disposing of his Oak Creek dairy farm. The consideration is private, but it is said to be about \$125 an acre. Mr. Luper already owns valuable property not far from the place.