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## GERMANY WAGES UNDER-SEA WARFARE ON OUR OWN COAST

**U-53 Sinks Four British, One Dutch, and One Norwegian Vessels Beyond Three Mile Limit**

**MERCY SHOWN CREWS AND PASSENGERS BEFORE SUNK**

**Steamer Flying American Flag Stopped But Let Go Unharmed—Crews at Sea in Open Boats Will Be Picked Up**

Boston, Oct. 8.—Six steamships were torpedoed off the Atlantic coast by the German submarine U-53, which created a sensation by dropping into Newport yesterday.

The vessels sunk are: West Point British freighter, 2413 tons, bound from London to Newport News; crew 35.

Strathdene, British freighter, 4312 tons, bound from New York to Brest; crew of 50.

Stephano, British passenger ship, 3449 tons, bound from Halifax to New York, 336, passengers and crew of 75. Kingston, believed to be British, but as yet unidentified; no details.

Bloomerdijk, Dutch freighter, 3301 tons, bound from New York to Rotterdam; crew of 35.

Christian Knudsen, Norwegian tanker, 2583 tons, bound from Tuxpam to London, via Perth Amboy; crew of 30. Officials here believed from the extent of the torpedoing operations that there must be two submarines off this coast.

Before attacking the vessels the submarine had stopped the steamship Kansas of the American Hawaiian line, flying the American flag. The Kansas was permitted to proceed.

Nanjacket lightship, off which the submarine carried out its raid, is 30 miles from the coast and well outside the territorial waters of the United States. It is directly in the path of trans-Atlantic steamship traffic.

At least 10 United States torpedo boat destroyers have left Newport to pick up passengers and the crews of the torpedoed vessels.

**Kingston's Crew in Small Boats**  
The U-53 began her depredations at daybreak this morning. So far as is known there has been no loss of life. But the crew of one steamer, the Kingston, is in open boats.

Seven of the fastest destroyers in the United States navy are ploughing through the fog in search of them. The U. S. S. Balch has flashed the radio station she will arrive at midnight with the first of those rescued.

Crowding their boilers the fleet U. S. navy destroyers started on the 100 mile journey of mercy from Newport. But the Kansas was the first to reach the rapidly sinking steamer West Point.

The Strathdene was said to have been loaded with munitions of war for the allies. Twenty minutes after the crew had taken to the open sea in small boats she lifted her nose toward the sky and sank. The crew of the Strathdene managed to reach the Nanjacket shoals lightship. There 17 of them were found by the destroyer Balch.

The Stephano received her vital blow at 4:30 o'clock. It was more than an hour before the word had been received here. In rapid succession tonight the wireless sputtered its tales of destruction to the other ships. The Kingston was the first to sink. Then followed the Bloomerdijk and the Knudsen.

Naval officers say the U-53 had only six torpedoes aboard when she left here yesterday. Normally the submarine carried eight, but two of these were spent on the voyage.

**Flotillas Engage in Rescue Work**  
Three full divisions of the Atlantic destroyer flotilla are engaged in the work of rescue.

A wireless has been received from the Destroyer Drayton saying she is returning under forced draft with 68 survivors of the Bloomerdijk and Knudsen. Her commander expects to reach dock between 1 and 2 o'clock tomorrow.

Admiral Knight has made every arrangement to take care of those in need of medical attention.

Admiral Austin M. Knight and Rear

Admiral Albert Gleaves, chief of the destroyers' flotilla, have kept the navy department informed of everything that came to their ears regarding the German vessel.

**Destroyers Cleared for Action**  
Late tonight naval officers admitted the destroyers sent to sea have their decks cleared for action and each commander has strict instructions to determine that the utmost neutrality had been maintained.

Even late tonight there was no official word that any of the attacks were perpetrated inside the three-mile limit, but the curious line of coast here gives rise to the gravest suspicion.

From all along the coast came word of mysterious messages being radioed between the French and British warships rushing to this vicinity. These patrolling vessels, scattered between Trinidad and Halifax, have been converging on the waters of Naragansett bay since they were appraised by wireless yesterday of the U-53's audacious appearance.

### A. BIGLOW SELLS HIS MEAT MARKET TO CHARLES HARDT

**New Owner Takes Possession Immediately; Was Formerly in Business Here**

On Friday afternoon, Charles D. Hardt, formerly of Springfield, purchased from Alfred Bigelow the meat market in the Perkins and Winzenreid building on Main, between Fourth and Fifth streets, which has been operated by Mr. Bigelow for several years. The new owner took possession at once.

Mr. Bigelow has been in the meat market business in Springfield for the past eight years, during which time he has been in three different markets. During this time, business has been good, and he has enjoyed a liberal patronage, he states. Just now, he is undecided as to future plans, but will not leave Springfield, where his home is. Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow live on Fourth and F streets.

The new owner, Mr. Hardt, needs no introduction, as he is well known in this city, having at two different times conducted a meat market here. The last time, five years ago, he owned the shop in which the Stewart market now is. He and Mrs. Hardt are living here.

The market is being repaired and otherwise fixed up, and Mr. Hardt hopes to be open for business in about a week. The market will be operated as before under the name of "The People's Market," and Mr. Hardt will conduct it by himself.

### Old Opera House Is Meeting Place

**Expect Large Audience at Democratic Rally Saturday Eve; Band Will Play**

The old opera house on the corner of Third and Main streets has been secured for the Democratic rally to be held in Springfield on Saturday evening, October 14, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp. The building has a seating capacity of between 700 and 750, which is about as large as any in town, and members of the committee stated that they expected to see it pretty well filled, partially with out of town visitors.

Senator George Chamberlain, senior senator of the state, who will be the speaker, is chairman of the military preparedness committee, and a man of national importance. "He has done a great deal for Oregon in a legislative way and otherwise, as attorney general, as governor, and as a senator," said M. M. Peery, president of the Woodrow Wilson league, under whose auspices the rally is to be held. Senator Chamberlain is to talk on the national issues of the campaign.

The Springfield band has been secured to furnish music for the occasion. The committee in charge of preparations is composed of M. M. Peery, Harry M. Stewart, Welby Stevens, and J. E. Edwards.

### "Y. M. C. A. ADVANTAGES"

**Walter Bailey Tells What the Association Means to Boys**

Some advantages of the Young Men's Christian Association was the theme talked on by Walter Bailey, of the Eugene association, before the high school student body last Friday afternoon.

Even though a fellow does play football and goes in for other sports of like nature, the Y. M. C. A. is a necessity for him as well as for the boy who doesn't do these things, for the purpose of the organization is for moral as well as physical development, and both are needed to make a well rounded man. Mr. Bailey said. He also spoke of the "Rarin' to Beat Salem" contest then on in Eugene, and announced that Springfield boys might join the association for half price.

### Squash Lives Up to Its Name

P. H. Emery drove through town Saturday with a squash about two feet long and one and one half feet through which was raised on his farm tract about one and one half miles south of town. The squash, which is of the Mammoth variety, was not given special care at all, Mr. Emery said, but grew in with the corn, and there were several others like it, one even being almost twice the size of this one.

### REAR AXEL OF BIG B. K. LUMBER TRUCK IS CAUSE OF DAMAGE

**Oliver Johnson, Driver, Escapes as Load Overturns—Damage Between \$400 and \$500**

Just as Oliver Johnson, driver of the big Packard Booth-Kelly lumber truck reached the approach to the Oregon Electric dock in Eugene with a load of lumber at about 11 o'clock Saturday, the rear axle of the machine broke, and the truck turned over. Mr. Johnson jumped from the seat, as the machine turned, and escaped unhurt, excepting for a slight injury to one foot.

The machine and load fell with such force that the former was partially demolished, between \$400 and \$500 worth of damage being done, according to driver Johnson.

The wrecked truck was hauled and towed to the car shops at Wendling Saturday afternoon, where about 10 days will be required to put it in working order again. Meanwhile the lumber from the mill to the freight depot in Eugene will have to be hauled with teams. About seven teams will be required, according to Joe Lusby, retail salesman, who is in charge of this work.

### PREDICTION COMES TRUE

**A. C. Hoag Does Not Come Back Alone; Leaves Again Tomorrow**

It was predicted that A. C. Hoag, who returned Saturday evening from a 17-day trip through California and Oregon, would not come back alone, and he didn't. Mrs. Hoag, nee Miss Lulu Miller of Oregon City, accompanied him.

Mr. Hoag and Miss Miller were married on Friday, October 6, where—Mr. Hoag will not tell. Mrs. Hoag went on to Rogue River, where she is to teach a three-months' term of school, Sunday morning, and Mr. Hoag leaves tomorrow night for Southern Oregon and California points. He states that he has several positions in view, and although he has not definitely decided what he will take up, it is probable that they will make their home in California. They will make a visit to Springfield at Christmas time he said.

### Cooperative Selling Is Success

During the last year 50 carloads of livestock and 40,000 pounds of wool, valued at \$100,000 have been sold in the Portland market on the co-operative plan by C. J. Hurd, market master for the farmers of Lane county. The co-operative marketing plan has been in operation for a year and is proving itself very popular, states Mr. Hurd. Products come in even from remote parts of the county.

### Robert F. Gettins Is Much Improved

Robert F. Gettins, railroad engineer, formerly of this city, who has been seriously ill in a hospital in Portland for the past three months, is sufficiently improved as to be able to leave the hospital, according to a letter written by Mr. Gettins himself to C. L. Scott. Mr. Gettins states that he plans making a business and pleasure trip to Springfield in the near future.

## EACH INSTITUTION ASKS AN INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS

**Total of \$2,033,015 Asked of Legislature to Run Ten State Enterprises**

**ONLY ONE BUDGET IS CUT**

**Many Permanent Improvements and Enlargements are Asked of the State Legislature**

Salem, Or., Oct. 7.—Appropriations totaling \$2,033,015.54—an increase of \$395,466.43 over the 1915-16 biennium—are asked for by the superintendents of the ten state institutions in statements filed with the state board of control. All, save the Eastern Oregon State hospital, are asking for increases. Within the next week the members of the board will visit the institutions and pass on the statements. It is expected they will make material reductions. After the board has passed on the statements they will be ready for presentation to the legislature.

The state hospital for the insane asks for an appropriation of \$750,134. Its appropriation for the current biennium was \$705,324.75. For salaries, general maintenance, transportation of persons committed, deportation of non-resident insane and amusements, it asks for \$648,000. The chief improvement for which an appropriation is requested is the addition to the receiving ward, and its cost is estimated at \$45,000. Other permanent improvements suggested are an addition to the dining room, \$4540; enlarging the fattening plant, \$4640; new greenhouse, \$1500; special pavilion, \$6000, and repairs in the sum of \$25,454. It also asks for a contingent fund of \$5000.

**Penitentiary Asks Increase**  
The total appropriation for the penitentiary for this biennium was \$203,294.83. For the coming biennium it requests an appropriation of \$253,300. Segregated, it is as follows: Salaries, \$78,280; general maintenance, machinery, \$124,720; permanent improvements, \$25,500, and repairs, \$25,500.

The superintendent of the Eastern Oregon hospital estimates the appropriation needed for the next biennium at \$259,260, and itemizes it as follows: Salaries and general maintenance, \$212,160; transportation of persons committed, \$6000; transportation for non-resident insane, \$500; amusements, \$1200; permanent improvements, \$26,500; repairs, \$7900; contingencies, \$5000. For the current biennium \$308,159.25 was appropriated for this institution, and the requested appropriation for the next is less, as the appropriation of the last legislature covered an additional wing. Together, the state hospital here and the Eastern Oregon hospital will have a surplus of approximately \$60,000 to turn back to the state. Practically all the surplus will be from the institution located here.

An appropriation of \$90,830 is asked for by the superintendent of the Soldiers' home and its appropriation for this biennial period was \$37,073. Of this sum requested, \$38,930 is asked for salaries and general maintenance, \$43,450 for improvements and \$8450 for repairs. The principal improvement needed is a new hospital, the cost of which is estimated at \$35,000.

### More Than Double

The matron of the Industrial School for Girls estimates that it will need \$78,850. The last legislature allowed it \$33,600. The salaries and general maintenance is estimated at \$45,000; the permanent improvements at \$26,800, and the repairs at \$7050.

Besides an appropriation of \$16,900 for salaries and maintenance, the superintendent for the Feeble-Minded Institution estimates that he will need \$94,000 for permanent improvements, and \$28,450 for repairs; a total of \$222,450, as against \$144,961 for this biennium. He asks for two dormitories, one for boys and one for girls, and estimates that each will cost \$25,000.

Salaries and maintenance, \$75,000; permanent improvements, \$6410; repairs, \$10,589, and sprinkling systems, \$4000, is the way the superintendent of the Industrial School for Boys segregates the needed appropriations in

### CRIS JENSEN IS CALLED

**Will Fill Pulpit of Springfield Christian Church, Starting October 15**

Cris Jensen, a student of the Eugene Bible University, has been called to the pastorate of the Christian church of this city, to begin his duties as pastor on Sunday, October 15. The new pastor succeeds the late Reverend E. C. Wigmore.

Mr. Jensen has been pastor of the Christian church at Harrisburg for the past 16 months. He filled the pulpit in this city a week ago yesterday at both the morning and evening services.

### Will Plant Choice Shrubs and Trees

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brattain of this city plan to have about one block of ground at their home on Tenth and G streets set with choice shrubs and trees. The work will be done sometime in February, as the soil is moist and must first be drained, because of danger that the roots of the plants set out may rot. A Mr. Woodruff, a landscape gardener of Eugene, will do the work.

### SPRINGFIELD FLOUR MILL IS ENJOYING PROSPEROUS SEASON

**Has Taken in as Much Wheat Already as They Did in all of the Preceding Year**

"Well, times ARE pretty good," admitted S. H. Baker, proprietor of the Springfield Flour mill, and smiled. And that smile was the collective smile of all the farmers of the near vicinity of Springfield, for the wheat crop is big this year, and prices are high.

Since August 1, the amount of wheat taken in at the Springfield Flour mill is as much as was taken in during all last year, according to Mr. Baker. Taking the two seasons into consideration, the amount received this year will have increased at least 50 per cent over last year. This grain has been brought in by the farmers within a radius of 15 or 20 miles; most of it being brought in by the wagonload, but some has come in by the carload. The bulk has come in already, but there is still some more to come.

"We were fortunate in securing wheat which had been threshed before the rain, is of excellent quantity, and which is making fine flour," Mr. Baker said. Because of the shortage in the middle western crop caused by black rust, and because of the fact that the Argentina crop has been affected by dry weather, the farmers are getting a price of about 15 per cent higher than that obtained last year.

But to get back to the reason for Mr. Baker's smile. The Springfield Flour mill is now turning out about 50 barrels of No. 1 and Baker's flour, and about 5000 pounds of bran and shorts daily. This means an increase in production over last year of about 25 per cent. It has been found necessary to put on another man at the mill as general helper. The plant is running full shifts and some overtime in the evenings.

Orders are coming in daily and the mill is now behind about 200 barrels in filling these. Almost all of the orders are local, although recently an outside order for a carload of flour has been received.

To keep pace with the upward trend of wheat prices, flour has also advanced about 15 per cent, over last year. The price on feed is about the same as it was last year, with the exception of barley, which is higher because of the increased demand in the Portland and San Francisco markets.

The reason assigned by Mr. Baker for this increased activity in the flour business is that the products have gained a reputation on their merits and that they are becoming better known through a larger territory.

Mr. Baker has been in the milling business in this city for five years, and he states his business has made a growth each year. Before coming to Springfield, he was superintendent of a large mill at Red Wing, Minnesota, which exported flour of a grade equal or superior to that turned out by the Pillsbury mills.

### State President to be Here

Mrs. Edker Burton, of Corvallis, president of the state Baptist Young People's Union will conduct a conference and rally at the First Baptist church of Springfield Sunday, October 8. Delegates from neighboring towns are expected to be present.

## WILL BE LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS IN S. H. S. HISTORY

**21 Seniors Enrolled This Year In Springfield High School; 7 Boys, 14 Girls**

**19 IS MOST PREVIOUSLY**

**Doings of 1916 Grade Are Recounted 3 at School, 2 Teaching, Others At Work or at Home**

With 21 seniors enrolled, the prospects are for the largest graduating class in the history of the Springfield high school, for the coming spring. Of the 21, seven are boys and fourteen girls. The near-grads are: Will Rodenbo, Floyd Bartlett, Virgil Signor, Will Machen, Frank Gibbs, Louis Grady, Lloyd McKay, Misses Inelle Smith, Ruth Lansbury, Ruth Parsons, Bertie Bruce, Esther Brattain, Nina Pearson, Fay Smith, Matilda Gunning, Leola McCracken, Grace Thomas, Edna Platt, Ruth Scott, Josephine Lyons, and Lillian Mulligan. Eight of the 1916ers are enrolled in the teachers' training course, three others are taking the commercial course, and the remainder are taking general work.

In the spring of 1915, there were 19 graduates, and last commencement there was the same number. Of the 1916 alumni, as far as could be determined, the members are now engaged as follows:

Venita Allen, at home in Springfield; Sadie Allen, at home in Springfield; Eva Brown, at home in Eugene; (Mrs.) Elsie Holmstrom Davis, at home in Roseburg; Gladys Lee, at home in Sheridan; Ethlyn Powers, stenographer in the office of the Springfield News; Frances Travis, bookkeeper for E. E. Morrison, and soda dispenser at Ketels' drugstore; May Tripplett, at home at Douglas Gardens; Creed Brattain, student, University of Oregon; Max Green, at home in Springfield; Clarence Hill, teaching school at Camp Creek; Ernest Lee, working at Sheridan; Winifred May, accountant at the First National Bank in Springfield; Herbert Moore, student, University of Oregon; Norton Pengra, working at home in Pruneville; John Seim, clerk in a drugstore at Richmond, California; Orson Vaughn, student, University of Oregon; Anna Bidwell, at home in Springfield; Roy Penny, teaching at lower Camp Creek.

## CAMP WITHYCOMBE WILL BE CLOSED DURING WINTER

**Recruits Will Be Sent to Border for Service—New Recruits Go To Vancouver**

Camp Withycombe will be formally closed today or tomorrow for the first time since the call to arms was sounded by President Wilson last June.

Between 70 and 80 recruits will leave today for duty on the Mexican border. They will be under the command of Captain Carl Ritterbacher, who will return to Portland as soon as he turns over his charges. The recruits will go to Douglas, Cal., for duty with state military units which have not been sent home.

Captain Kenneth P. Williams, United States mustering officer, recommended that the camp be closed for the winter because of the poor drainage system, and while recruiting will continue, it will be at Vancouver barracks. If troop A and battery A should be returned home from Calexico, they will move to the barracks to be mustered out. All the equipment and impediments which have not been shipped to the barracks will be returned to barracks at Seattle and San Francisco.

Dr. V. C. Birney and three enlisted men are expected to arrive in camp today and be mustered out. They come from Calexico.

**Meeting of Woodrow Wilson League**  
The Woodrow Wilson League will meet on Wednesday evening, October 11, in Stevens hall. All members are requested to be present.

M. M. PEERY, President