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## U-BOAT BASES ARE BLOCKED BY BRITISH

**Indications Point To Big General Off-  
ensive By Allied Fleet—  
Sailors Land and  
Fight.**

The Hobson idea of blockade has been put into effect by the British navy. The British Admiralty announcement says that five old cruisers, which had been filled with concrete for use in blocking channels, were run aground and blown up. Their crews abandoned the ships just before the blasts were set off, it was declared. French naval officers are said to have taken part in the undertaking.

The raid was made early in the morning on the German U-boat bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge. It has now been definitely established that the raid was a decided success and the outlet for the U-boats has been to a great extent, blocked.

The following report concerning the raid has been sent out by the Associated Press from Washington:

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(Special.)—Part of the credit for the British naval exploit in blockading the German submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge by sinking obsolete vessels filled with concrete in the channels of the ports belongs to the United States Navy.

It can now be stated without hesitation that more than six months ago the higher naval command here began a strenuous agitation for a plan of operations which would practically wall up the German submarines and the German fleet as well within their bases of operations.

It would surprise no one here to learn that United States vessels participated in the present operations.

**Full Story Awaited Eagerly.**

American naval officers await eagerly the full story of the successful French-British naval blow against the German destroyer and U-boat bases on the Belgian coast.

The impression prevails here, supported by certain facts regarding American naval preparations that a carefully planned naval offensive against the U-boats has begun which is to be pressed vigorously until the underwater raiders are bottled up or checked to such an extent that their operations will no longer be a serious factor.

Officials here have been anticipating developments in the anti-submarine warfare within the next few weeks that would establish a definite check on the U-boats. American cooperation in this effort is being extended in various ways which cannot be disclosed.

**U. S. Officers Favor Action.**

It has long been the belief of many officers here that much could be done toward bottling up the U-boats at their source—their bases on the Belgian coast. The means to this end suggested have been many, including mine fields, increased numbers of light surface patrol craft, new detection devices, aircraft and submarines. All of these and other elements enter into whatever plan of operations the Navy supreme council has formed.

The raids on the Zeebrugge and Ostend were the most daring operations attempted by the allied sea forces during the war and the fact that landing parties successfully put ashore and the survivors re-embarked in the face of German batteries and troops shows, officers here say, that nothing should be viewed as impossible until it has been tried out.

It was suggested today that the recent raid against trawlers by British ships was a part of the general plan for aggressive action. The German light craft were engaged in mine sweeping. By their destruction, the German U-boats and heavy craft were excluded from the portion of the sea where the engagement occurred until other ways to remove the mines could be provided.

Presumably the allied naval forces now are preparing to mine the Belgian and German coasts thoroughly, backing up the mines with a guard of heavy ships to beat off the German fleet should it come out, and with numerous smaller craft to drive off or destroy mine sweepers that attempt to clear lanes for the U-boats.

The sinking of concrete laden ships in the entrance to Zeebrugge Canal might shut in destroyers and U-boats stationed there and allied craft would keep watch to prevent the removal of the obstructions. If the channel were not completely closed at the first attempt, further efforts are to be expected.

Some officers thought it probable that the Germans had removed some of their shore batteries for use in the fighting in Flanders. This might

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have caused the allies to move just at this time and accounts for the boldness of the operations.

Since the raid shows the German coast defenses are not invulnerable, to some officers this action is looked upon as forecasting the possibility of an attempt to force a landing in the rear of the German line, thus turning the flank of the whole German position in Flanders. That possibility has been discussed widely ever since the dead-lock of trench warfare began.

**Hobson Exploit Recalled.**

The sinking of the Merrimac by Lieutenant Hobson in the mouth of Santiago harbor, Cuba, in the Spanish-American War, in June, 1898, is so familiar that America's mind will readily grasp the connection between that operation against Admiral Cervera and the present achievement of the British on the Belgian coast.

After having satisfied themselves that the German submarines could not easily be "dug out" of their well-protected nests at Zeebrugge and Ostend, consideration was given to other feasible means of attacking them, and the plan of "walling them in" immediately suggested itself. There has been a lot of conversation between American and British naval heads on this subject, with the result announced today.

When the whole story of naval operations in the North Sea, especially relative to the channels leading to the Skagerrak and Kattegat, becomes known, it probably will be found that concrete has played a considerable part in the activities of the allies and the United States in those waters as well. Reports are current here in high quarters that the exits of the submarines are gradually being decreased, thereby immensely increasing the effectiveness of their anti-submarine naval patrol.

## EX-GOVERNOR WEST IN SENATORIAL GAME

(Oregon Voter.)  
Oswald West's candidacy for the democratic nomination for United States Senator is the big political event of the season. There are thousands of democrats registered as republicans, many of them having changed their registration this year solely to vote for the nomination of McNary by the republicans as they regarded him as West's candidate. These "republicans" will unquestionably vote for West at the general election should the peppery ex-governor secure the democratic nomination.

That West will secure nomination by the rump faction of the former democratic party that has not registered as republican is generally conceded. There are something like 40,000 democrats still registered in the party out of the 120,000 who voted for Wilson. Only a small number of this remaining 40,000 will vote for Will R. King, West's opponent, as it appears that King does not enjoy the confidence of the democratic national administration, which unquestionably is behind West. Besides, King does not enjoy the confidence of the rank and file of the democratic party in Oregon.

West's original and avowed purpose at the time Governor Withycombe appointed Charles L. McNary to succeed the late democratic senator, Harry Lane, was to stay out of McNary's road when McNary would seek election. Up to that time West was considering the possibility of being a candidate, preferably as an independent. He then stated that he would be a candidate only in the event the republicans failed to nominate McNary.

In the light of what was his attitude at that time and for many months thereafter only one conclusion can be drawn as to his reasons for now declaring himself an out-and-out candidate for the democratic nomination. It is the fear that his friend McNary will be defeated by Robert N. Stanfield, and that as an independent candidate against Stanfield he, West, would stand no show of elec-

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## CITY OF HEPPNER FILES MOTION IN RATE HEARING

The city of Heppner, through its attorneys, C. E. Woodson and Jos. J. Nys, have filed a motion with the public service commission of Oregon asking that the Heppner Light & Water Company make its application more definite and certain.

In the application filed with the commission by the Heppner Light & Water Company last week to raise or adjust rates, the company set forth only rates as charged previously and at the present time. The city of Heppner would like to know more fully just what increases and adjustments are contemplated by the company.

**Juniors Gave Banquet to Seniors.**

The 1918 class of Heppner high school was feted at a banquet in the girl's recreation room at the high school Friday evening by the Junior class.

The room was appropriately decorated in high school and class colors. The dinner was arranged and prepared by the domestic science department under the supervision of Miss Martha Struck and girls of the lower classes served the food in first class style. Music was furnished during the evening by Miss Mildred Cox, presiding at the piano, and Mrs. Blanche Watkins and Oscar Otto, violins. A solo was also rendered by Miss Neva Chidsey.

Troy McCraw acted as toastmaster for the evening and a most enjoyable time was spent. All members of the two classes and the faculty participated in the affair, and Lester Parker, former member of the class of '18 was honor guest of the evening.

Mrs. P. A. Anderson and mother Mrs. Eugene F. Campbell, who have been visiting in Portland for the past two weeks, are expected home this evening.

## Red Cross Work Marked With Increased Attendance.

Red Cross work at local headquarters is marked with increased attendance, the number of workers having increased more than a third during the past week.

The roster showed the following names last Friday: Mesdames Sam Hughes, R. J. Vaughan, Her. Lawson, LeTrace, F. C. Adkins, Gentry, Bayless, Elder, Borg, Brown, C. E. Jones, Roberts, Earle Gilliam, Robison, Frank Gilliam, O. E. Farnsworth, J. V. Crawford, F. S. Parker, Akers, McCarty, Current, Stevenson, Smead, Richardson, Tacie Parker, W. T. Campbell, Mack Smith, Handy, Hanson Hughes, Bisbee, J. O. Hager, Frad, J. A. Patterson, Cason, Prayn, E. F. Clark, Kelley, Cohn, Wilkins, Gilman, Frye, Carrie Vaughn, Spencer, Phelps and Miss Lulu Hager.

The following took work home: Mesdames Frank Turner, Johnson, Smead, Campbell, Scott, Jones, Kennedy, Gemmill, Len Gilliam, Frad.

The cutting committee for Thursday was: Mesdames Chidsey, A. E. Patterson, Beymer, Hall, Huston and Kinney.

## BOYCOTT ON GERMANY ONE PLAN PROPOSED.

(Pendleton Tribune.)  
"I swear, as long as I live, never knowingly to buy anything made in Germany."

That is a pledge that is being asked of people all over the United States by the organization known as the "Next of Kin Commercial Crusade."

D. B. Snyder of Pendleton has received material for offering the opportunity to Pendleton people to join in this movement.

W. N. DuPuy, at the head of the movement in Washington, in asking Mr. Snyder to take charge of the work here, says that he is being deluged with pledges and that the D. A. R., in session there on the day he wrote, has endorsed the movement and is going to push it.

It has been asserted that a movement of this kind will be the heaviest kind of a blow to the commercial interests of Germany and may be a step toward winning the war.

## Red Cross Program At Morgan.

In another column will be found an advertisement of the Red Cross program and dance which will be held at Morgan on Friday night, May 3rd. The program will be given by school district No. 28, under the supervision of Miss Irene Douglass. The Red Cross auxiliary at Morgan is sponsor for the dance and bazaar which will also take place the same evening. A supper will also be served in Wagner Hall. Preparations are being made to entertain a large crowd. Mrs. H. M. Swank is president of the Morgan Red Cross Auxiliary.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday, April 28.  
Bible school at 10 a. m.  
Morning worship at 11 a. m. Sermon subject: "The Ordinances of the Church."

C. E. meeting at 7 p. m.  
Preaching service at 8 p. m. Subject: "Parables of the Kingdom—Judgment."

Teachers training class Tuesday at 8 p. m.  
Midweek service, Thursday, 8 p. m.

F. A. ANDREWS, Pastor.

## THE FEDERATED CHURCH.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning sermon theme: "Two Sinners Before the Judge."  
Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p. m. Topic: "The Cross in City Slums." Leader, Miss Thiele.  
Junior Leader, Bernice Woodson.  
Evening sermon theme, "A Sincere Seeker After Truth."  
H. A. NOYES, Pastor.

## OF INTEREST TO MASONS.

Ruth Chapter No. 22, O. E. S. will give a free entertainment under the auspices of visiting members, Friday evening, April 26th at 8:15. All members of Masonic and Eastern Star lodges and their families are cordially invited.

MRS. ORR,  
MISS NORRIS,  
MRS. J. S. TAYLOR,  
Committee.

## WILLIAM ERWIN WALBRIDGE.

William Erwin Walbridge passed away at his home in Heppner last Monday morning at 2 o'clock. He had been gradually growing weaker for days and the end came quietly, with all members of the family present when life went out. Mr. Walbridge was three months and eight days past 63 years of age.

William Erwin Walbridge was born at Hornelsville, New York January 14, 1855, being the youngest of four children and the last surviving member of his family. He came west early in life and grew up with the country, going first to the Willamette Valley when he was but twelve years of age. Two years later he came to Morrow county and had been a citizen here ever since.

In 1878 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Smith, the wedding taking place in Pendleton. Of six children, three are still living. They are Mrs. Henry Ashbaugh, Mrs. Frank Nash and Herbert Walbridge all of Heppner. Mrs. Walbridge and the children were all at home when husband and father responded to the call beyond.

Mr. Walbridge was a Morrow county pioneer in the true sense of the word. He was growing into manhood on the open hills and barren valleys of this section before the town of Heppner was founded and was numbered among the very first farmers on Willow creek. Besides, engaging in farming, Mr. Walbridge devoted much of his time to aid in the upbuilding of a new country and in later years, after he had retired from the farm, he held various positions for city and county.

The deceased was an active member of the Methodist church and Heppner Lodge No. 69 A. F. & A. M. The funeral services were held from the Masonic Hall on Tuesday afternoon, a short discourse being read by Rev. H. A. Noyes of the Federated church. Brother Masons took charge of the burial services in Masonic cemetery, where the body was lowered to its final resting place.

## WHO'S WHO.

Although 57 men have signed up for membership in the Heppner Home Guard, officers in charge would impress everyone with the idea that its not being a member that counts so much as it does to be a member and attend drill every drill night. The "Who's Who" list of those attending drill last Monday evening is: Gay M. Anderson, J. L. Wilkins, Arthur R. Crawford, H. M. Adkins, E. F. Tash, Herbert Driskell, S. T. Roberts, Frank S. Parker, Chas. Thomson, N. E. Winnard, Norton Winnard, E. E. Gilliam, Will Ball, C. L. Freeman, M. L. Curran, R. T. Brown, Alex Green, W. J. French, H. A. Duncan, J. S. Baldwin, C. E. Woodson, N. E. Crow, S. E. Notson, Loy M. Turner, W. C. Cason, H. C. Githens, T. J. Humphreys, C. L. Sweek, Jos. J. Nys, John F. Vaughn, N. A. Clark, E. R. Huston, Leo Nicholson, F. A. McMenamin, E. L. Wallace, K. K. Mahoney, Jas. Wilson, J. A. Adkins, Sam Hughes, C. M. Scrivner, B. P. Stone, J. A. Waters, B. F. Butler and Jasper Crawford.

A number of men have signed up for membership, but only those who appear for drill are listed as "Who's Who." After the drill last Monday evening, a short business session was held. A bugle will be ordered. It was also decided to hold drill Mondays and Thursdays only, instead of every night in the week.

A finance committee consisting of C. L. Sweek, judge-advocate, S. W. Spencer and W. P. Mahoney has been appointed. It has not been fully decided yet just what procedure will be used in raising funds for the Home Guard, but donations will be received from any one in any sum they may wish to give. A series of entertainments will be given later, the feature of which will be a grand military ball. Plans are also under discussion for the proper observance of Decoration Day and the Fourth of July.

## Will Give May Day Festival.

Under the direction of teachers, the pupils of the first five grades of the local grammar school are preparing for a May Day festival, which will be held in the Fair pavilion. The festival activities will be made up of dances of various kinds. The Maypole dance will be given by members of the first and second grades. Patrons of the school are invited to attend. An admission charge of twenty-five cents will be made. The festival will be held in the evening of May first.

Furnished housekeeping rooms. Mrs. Walbridge.

Ralph Adkins of Rhea creek was transacting business in Heppner today.

Mrs. Henry Clark of Ione was a guest last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Sparks in this city.

## HEPPNER BIDS BOYS FAREWELL

**Dance, Music and Speaking Will Feature Entertainment For Boys  
Leaving For Army Camp.**

Make it a farewell they will remember. That is the idea the Morrow County Red Cross Chapter has in mind when they will give a farewell party to the nine young men of Morrow county who leave Monday for Camp Lewis, at American Lake, Wash.

The program will be held at the Opera House, Saturday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. S. E. Notson will preside and other speakers of the evening will be Rev. F. A. Andrews, C. L. Sweek and J. J. Nys.

The committee, of which M. D. Clark is at the head, has also arranged for music, and solos will be sung by Mrs. Clifford Sims, Miss Zelma Engelman of Ione and Miss Margaret O'Rourke.

After the program, dancing will be indulged in and for this occasion H. M. Cummins of Ione, Roy Cochran and Miss Muriel Cason will furnish the music.

During the short interval between the speaking program and the dance, N. A. Clark, who has charge of the turkey raffle for the Red Cross, will hold the drawing for the eight turkeys recently donated by Henry Gay of Rhea creek.

Following are the men who will go to camp next Monday: Royal E. Bebb, Ben Moore, Albert Lee Crowson, Loren Matteson, Everitt P. Ritchie, Frederick W. Belgard, Glen McFerrin. On the first of May, Green McCraw and Thomas R. Marlatt will leave for California.

## Thomas Morgan Married.

Thomas Morgan, pioneer Heppner citizen, completely surprised his fellow townsmen when he got married. The wedding occurred at the parsonage of the Federated church last Monday evening. The bride is Mrs. Elizabeth J. Allen, who arrived the same evening from California. She formerly lived in Grant county. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan will make their home in the Morgan residence on Linden street. The house, which was recently damaged by fire, is being reconstructed and improved.

## E. J. Slocum Dies At Prosser.

Word was received by relatives in Heppner last Saturday that E. J. Slocum had died suddenly at his home in Prosser, Wash. No particulars were given. Mr. Slocum made his home in this city many years, being engaged in the drug business. Slocum's Drug Store, which was a well known business firm here for many years, was founded by him. Eugene Slocum of this city, Elmer Slocum of Lexington and Albert Slocum of Portland are brothers. The deceased leaves a family at Prosser.

## Gazette-Times Is Being Read More And More.

The Gazette-Times is being read more and more and subscribers to this representative Morrow county newspaper are daily becoming increased in numbers. During the week the following new names were added to our list: E. A. Zochert and M. D. Tucker, Lexington; Gertrude Crunk, Warsaw, Mo.; Hamilton Johnstone, Portland; Miles F. Potter, Mare Island, Calif. Renewals for the week were: W. W. Brannon, Eight Mile; Roy V. Whites, Heppner; W. B. Potter, Winona, Wash.; Eugenia Pavid, Berkeley, Cal.; Wm. Ayers, Heppner; Geo. W. Dykstra, Heppner; Claud Coats, Heppner; Ben G. Buschke, Milton; A. E. Bates, Hardman; Mrs. George Doney, Yamhill, Ore.; Oral M. Scott, Heppner.

## J. H. Edwards Rents Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards, pioneer farmers of Sand Hollow, were in Heppner Wednesday making preparations for a trip that will take them to the Willamette Valley and other sections of Oregon. They have leased their Sand Hollow ranch to E. O. Mosler of Asotin, Washington for a term of three years. Mr. Mosler is a brother of Mrs. Edwards. Although the Moslers have already taken possession of the ranch, Mr. Edwards will get this year's crop. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards do not contemplate at this time of moving away from Morrow county, but after visiting around over the Northwest with relatives for a while, they probably will return here to continue their residence. Their daughter, Mrs. Ed Davidson, is living at Brownsville and another daughter, Mrs. Thompson, is living at Athena.



UNCLE SAM—WELL HERE'S A SCRAP OF PAPER.  
HE WON'T DESTROY IN A HURRY DECADE.