

# SHIP'S SEIZURE DEFENDED BY KAISER'S ENVOY

Count Bernstorff Says Sinking of American Ship Frye Justifiable—Captain Acted Under Declaration of London and Did Not Know of Prize Court Rulings.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Count Bernstorff, German ambassador, in discussing with state department officials today the sinking of the American ship Wm. P. Frye defended the action of Captain Thierichens of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, contending that he acted under the Declaration of London, which was the only guide he had as to disposition of prizes.

In defending the action of Commander Thierichens, the ambassador contended that when the officer left Tsing Tau at the outbreak of the war last August he had nothing to follow save the declaration of London in deciding what to do with vessels he might seize. For that reason the ambassador argued, he had a right to sink the Frye, as its cargo of wheat was consigned "to order" and destined to a fortified port of the enemy. So long as there was no port into which he could take his prize, he had a right, the ambassador contended, to destroy not only the cargo but the vessel itself.

Furthermore the ambassador argued that the commander of the Prinz Eitel when he sank the Frye, did not know that a German prize court on August 2 had held that the mere fact that a merchant ship was bound for a belligerent port was not sufficient proof that her cargo was destined for the enemy. The case of the Frye, however, he said, would have to be settled in accordance with international law, according to the statutes of the Declaration of London.

"We don't intend," he said, "to disregard any of the judicial niceties in the case."

# CASH REGISTER CASE REVERSED

CINCINNATI, March 13.—The United States circuit court of appeals reversed today the lower court in the case of the government against John H. Patterson, president, and 26 other officials or former officials of the National Cash Register company of Dayton, and remanded it back to the district court for a new trial.

Mr. Patterson and his associates were found guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust law and sentenced to serve prison terms and fined.

# MEDFORD COLLEGE NOTES

We Medford Commercial College students are congratulating ourselves on having Mr. Van Gilder with us once more. He has been away for several weeks on business, spending some time in investigating the latest in office appliances and devices preparatory to adding to the equipment of the school, and we expect to benefit greatly thereby.

A new class in shorthand penmanship is being conducted every afternoon. This class is conducted by Mr. Van Gilder and the students are progressing rapidly under his direction. Mr. Vernon O'Brien came to school one day this week with a brand new haircut. Although it was a "close shave" Vernon did not catch cold.

For the last two weeks a typewriting try-out has been held each day at 1:00 o'clock, and all the students are showing marked improvement in their speed and accuracy. Walter Hess holds the class record in these try-outs. The next contest for Honor Ribbons will be held on the 19th and all friends of the students are invited. March 19, 2:30 p. m.

The commercial department has recently installed a new adding machine in their office practice department. The shorthand department a pencil sharpener. Other new devices will be added at an early date.

The rapid calculation class is making commendable progress. Robert Stuart excelling in this branch of the work. Stuart and Hess are known at the M. C. C. as the "Big Two."

The primary and intermediate certificate tests in shorthand will be held during the early part of the week and those participating are applying themselves industriously to the work.

L. P. Black is with us now in night school. Henry Owens was reporter this week. Mamie Clark has been absent from night school for several nights.

# TURKS WILL BURN CONSTANTINOPLE RATHER THAN LET IT GO TO ALLIES

## MRS. ALICE MOQUE TELLS HOW IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE A GREAT FIRE—SHE WRITES ON THE LIFE AND CUSTOMS IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

BY ALICE LEE MOQUE  
Author of "Delightful Dalmatia"

Open threats are being made by the Turks, according to recent reports, that before the city of Constantinople becomes the possession of the hated "goyms" or infidels it will be completely destroyed.

Those who know the Turks best realize that the annihilation of the city is no idle threat. For years it has been known that rather than see the famous mosque of St. Sophia again a Christian sanctuary, after 462 years of use as a Mohammedan shrine, the fanatical followers of the prophet would prefer to destroy the ancient edifice dedicated to holy wisdom by the Emperor Constantine himself.

Fire is a constant menace in the sultan's capital, for the city is largely built of wood. The wealthy Armenian merchants and other foreigners doing business in Constantinople being fearful of having their property confiscated by the sultan's greedy officials on some pretext or other make the smallest outlay possible in building, and in consequence the city is full of ramshackled wooden structures which are perfect tinder boxes.

No city in the world has a more superb situation upon lovely hills than has Constantinople, the "city washed by four seas." The Turkish capital is really three cities, not one, for Stamboul, the Mohammedan town, lies upon the Asiatic shore separated by the sparkling waters of the lovely Golden Horn from the European quarter of Pera, on the opposite shore, to which it is joined by the famous Galata bridge.

Scutari lies a couple of miles away on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus and the dirty squalid little Oriental town is only connected with Pera and Stamboul by a line of ferry boats, which run at uncertain intervals.

The Bosphorus for its entire length of 18 miles is one continuous succession of lovely palaces, villas and gardens. On its green sloping shores are the splendid summer homes of the mother of the khedive of Egypt and other royal foreigners and the English, Russian, American, French and other embassies all occupy fine residences here in summer, for the fresh breezes from the mountains sweep down the Bosphorus from the Black Sea and modify the excessive heat experienced in the sweltering city.

The fire department of Constantinople, the city of wood, is a joke. Its central station is one one of the old city landmarks, the Galata Tower which rises above the tops of the buildings at the Pera end of the great ridge across the Golden Horn, where all the nationalities of the world may be seen in the hurrying crowds.

Watchmen are stationed at the top of this tower, and on a similar structure in Stamboul, whose duty it is to watch for a blaze. When a fire is discovered a basket is hung out from the tower in the proper direction by day and a lamp by night.

Visitors to Constantinople almost any day will meet in the ill-paved, hilly streets of Pera, or Stamboul, a company of men bare-legged and without shirts, clad only in short loose cotton trousers, ambling along carrying a small box on two long poles, while others trot cheerily beside them armed with other poles in the ends of which are hooks. This is the Constantinople fire department.

The box contains a few gallons of water, and with the poles, constitutes the entire fire equipment of the city. But as no unseemly haste is made in reaching the fire, no more is necessary, for the conflagration usually has burned itself out before the careful fire-fighters arrive.

In Constantinople a few years ago I visited the blackened ruins of the Jewish quarter completely destroyed by fire in one night, a fire which rendered 3000 Jews homeless. All over the city these black patches of

desolation mutely testify to the fire-fiend's power.

A visit to the famous bazaars of Constantinople is a rare treat. Marvellously wrought Damascus daggers, embroidered silk shawls, lovely fans, jeweled boxes, rich Oriental rugs, in fact everything from the sweetmeat "Turkish Delight" to copper kettles may be bought in the dark little shops which line each side of the covered streets.

Here, too, I caught my first glimpse of a Turkish "houri" shopping. No Mohammedan of means permits any of his wives ever to walk outside his harem garden but they are allowed to drive out with attendants in closed carriages. This lady wore the regulation "Yakmah" but I caught a good view of her as she sat back in her carriage.

The fall of Constantinople may change the sad look I saw in her dark eyes, for this war, may be the key which will unlock the prison doors of the fair ones immured in harems.

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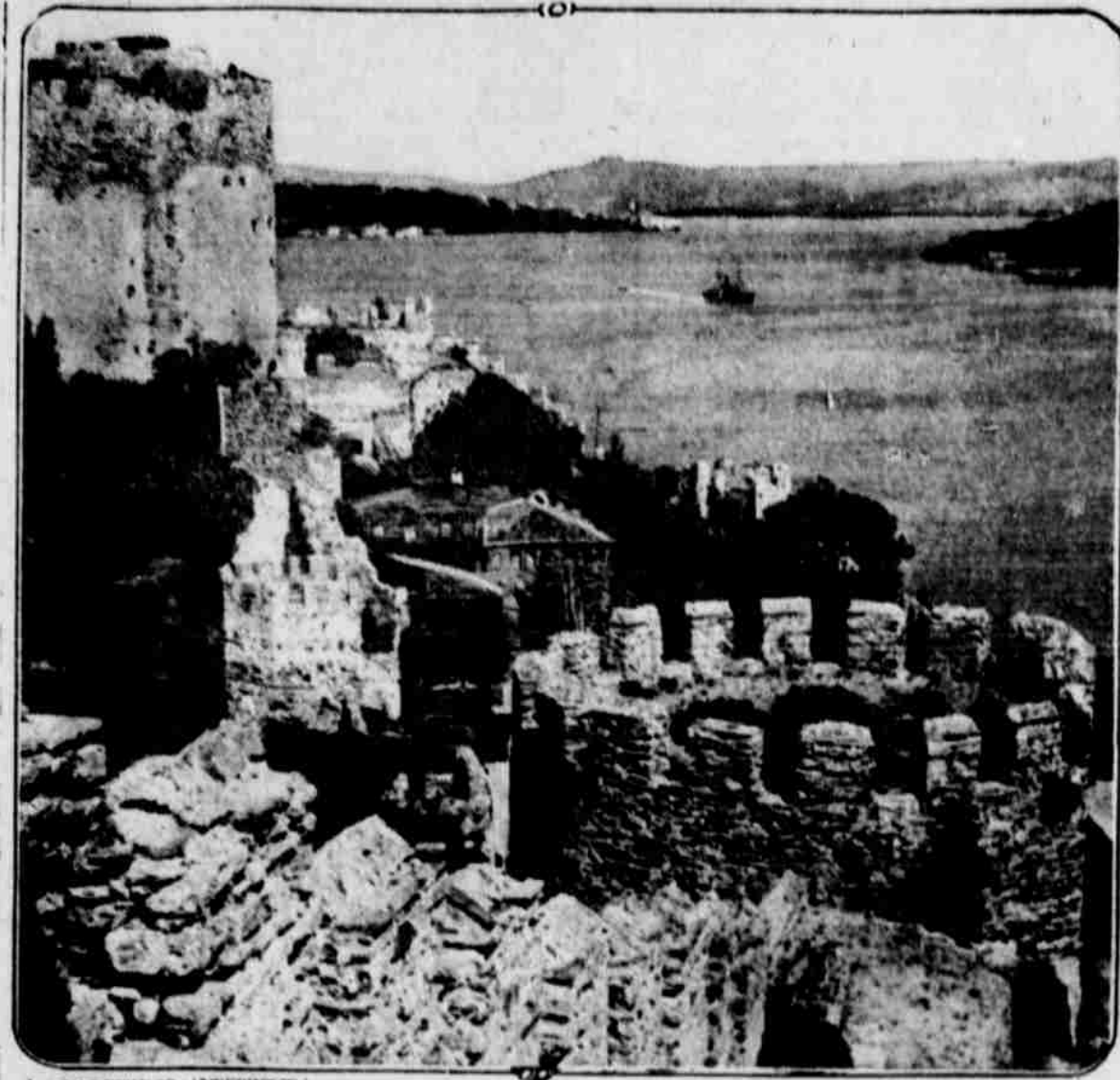
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# TOBACCO CHEWING PAUPERIZING KLAMATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 13.—One reason for pauperism may be an excessive use of chewing tobacco. This, at any rate, is the opinion of the Klamath county court, after reviewing some old bills. For supplies furnished the county poor farm by local grocery stores.

The item of "tobacco" appears with amazing frequency. Questioning the grocers developed that the poorhouse superintendent, upon his trips to

town one to three times a week, would always order at least \$2 worth of tobacco, mostly of the chewing variety.

Checking up further, the court found that the cost of tobacco some months ran as high as \$40, and considering the fact that there are only a few inmates at the infirmary, it was decided that the ration should be cut down before the inmates, if they chewed all the tobacco purchased, "chewed the rest of the county into the poorhouse."

Thirty-two lawyers want the new office of public defender created at Portland and other cities are to follow suit.

# ROCKEFELLER FUNERAL PLANS IN ABEYANCE

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., March 13.—Plans for the funeral of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, who died at her home here yesterday, were held in abeyance to await the arrival of Mr. Rockefeller and his son, who were speeding north from Orlando, Fla. They were due to reach Posaantic Hills late this afternoon.

It was regarded as probable that funeral services would be held here tomorrow and that Mrs. Rockefeller would be buried at Cleveland.

# BOWLBY KNOCKS PACIFIC HIGHWAY TO SEATTLEITES

(From the Portland Telegram)  
Indignation was ripe in the Portland Automobile club today when it was learned that H. L. Bowlby, state highway engineer, had notified Seattle motorists that the Pacific highway through the Willamette valley would not be in good condition any time this year and advising that the Willamette valley be avoided by using the Central Oregon route. W. J. Clemens declared that the statement is uncalled for, particularly from the state highway engineer.

Secretary Frank M. Fretuelle, of the Automobile club of Seattle, brought attention to Engineer Bowlby's wet blanket on the Pacific highway when he wrote the Portland Auto club.

"We would like to know," writes Fretuelle, "if the condition of the Pacific highway in Oregon as outlined in Mr. Bowlby's letter is accurate. We were of the opinion that this road would be in much better shape and ready for travel at a much earlier date than the letter indicates."

And here is a copy of Bowlby's letter, sent by Fretuelle to the Portland club:

"Mr. H. E. Neihling, 507 Green building, Seattle: Dear Sir—Replying to your letter of March 3, relative to the Pacific highway in Oregon, will state that the route through the Willamette valley via Grants Pass to Medford, will not be in good condition any time this year. It will be passable after the first of June. The best route through Oregon is as follows: From Portland ship the car to The Dalles, thence to Wasco and South through Central Oregon, through Prineville to Crater Lake to Medford, or directly south to Lakeview; thence down the Pitt river to Redding, where you get the Pacific highway again.

"Leaving Seattle, if you do not care to go to Portland, you can pass Snoqualmie Pass thence down to Mabton, thence over to Brickleton and Goldendale, across the ferry at Maryhill, up the state road at Wasco; thence south as before. This road is open today and at all times of the year except perhaps Snoqualmie Pass. You know more about that than I do."

## Which—Furnace or Kitchen?

Old fashioned stoves are furnaces. And such kitchens are much like boiler-rooms.

Always there is soot—and smoke—and gas—and ashes. Always a fire to be built, constantly watched and stirred. Always a litter of the old-stove utensils. And always a task to be done.

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