

### FRANCE TO REPLACE DESTROYED VESSELS WITH GERMAN SHIPS

PARIS, April 16.—M. Leguales de Mezauban, president of the Brittany Ship Owners' Association, has suggested that the minister of marine replace each ship belonging to the allies sunk by a German submarine by a vessel of corresponding size from among the 278 German ships detained at French ports since the beginning of the war. This, M. de Mezauban believes would cause German ship owners to do their utmost to induce Emperor William to put a stop to a method of warfare, the cost of which was borne by them.

### BRITISH OFFICER REWARDS CHAUFFEUR

ASHLAND, April 16.—Vern Barnthous, who a few days ago inadvertently fractured the speed ordinance governing traffic over the Pacific highway by hustling in record time a passenger in order to overtake No. 14 at Medford, has just received the following letter from the Hotel Strathcona, Victoria, B. C., under date of April 11: "I very much regret to learn that you were fined for exceeding the speed limit while doing me a favor. You will find inclosed a check for \$5, trusting this amount will cover all costs." The letter is signed by A. C. Cartier, lieutenant Royal Canadian Guards.

### PHOENIX HORSE COMMITS SUICIDE

A two-year-old horse belonging to George Alford, a farmer living east of Phoenix, committed suicide in a peculiar manner Wednesday night. Some time during the night the animal ran its head between the ropes of a swing fastened to a limb of an oak tree in the pasture and used by Mr. Alford's children, and instead of backing out, began to twist the rope around its neck. When discovered by Mr. Alford Thursday morning the animal was dead, having been strangled.

### CAR LOAD OF REOS RECEIVED MEDFORD

T. E. Pottenger, the local agent, has received the first carload of 1915 Reo the Fifth cars and they are at the Powell Auto company. You are invited to call and see them. Mr. Pottenger says the Reo is up-to-date in every way, has more real value for the money than any car on the market and lives up to the claim of being the incomparable four.

### GERMAN AIRSHIP WINGED BY FRENCH

PARIS, April 16.—The French official communication given out by the war office this afternoon adds nothing to the informed contained last night, except the following: "Our artillery brought down during the afternoon of April 15, a German aeroplane which fell in front of the French lines, but behind of the German trenches north of Ypres."

### FEMININE SWIMMING SCOUT COMES TO SECURE GIRL SWIMMERS



Miriam Stacker of Honolulu, who arrived in San Francisco from the islands recently to get some of the best swimming talent in the west to make a trip to Honolulu to participate in the big swimming carnival in the islands in June. Miss Stacker is a sister of Ruth Stacker, the American record holder for the fifty-yard dash, and is president of the Hui Au Kai Swimming club in Honolulu. She brings a special invitation to Frances Lyons Cawells of San Francisco, and will also extend invitations to other girls to make the trip.

### News From Our Neighbors

#### TABLE ROCK TABLETS

Mr. Willets and son of Persist spent several days this week at the Lydiard home. Fire destroyed the house belonging to the Hayes brothers, in the Agate district, one night last week. O. Pendland made a trip to his Talent ranch the first of the week. He reports the loss of a valuable cow by careless hunters. Weldon Sage of Medford visited friends in this district Sunday afternoon. Professor Niebert, the former pedagogue of Agate, was over after seed oats one evening last week. A gentleman from Medford, representing the Oregon Life Insurance company, was through here last week and did considerable business. A. L. Seabrook was on a horse trading expedition in the Wellen district last week. Miss Rose Nealon of Reese creek spent a few hours with home folks here last Sunday. The Arrow Heads held their regular meeting last Saturday night. Special features of the program were the trio by Miss Byram, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Fitzpatrick and the solo by Mr. Vincent.

#### ASHLAND AND VICINITY

The arrival of a lot of private cars on Tuesday afternoon caused a congestion of passenger traffic in the local yards. First came the coach "Wisconsin," of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system, north-bound, occupied by Vice-President Williams of New York, and a large party. This was met by Northern Pacific coach No. 3, containing officials of the Hill system, accompanied by "their sisters and their cousins and their aunts." The interstate commerce commission's coach No. 6 also went north, bearing a party of expert accountants who are engaged in tabulating figures connected with the physical valuation of the roads and taking actual measurements of the mileage over the different lines. A bunch of kids seemed to be assisting the higher-ups in this work. With the departure of Dr. D. M. Brower for Myrtle Creek, the community loses a citizen versatile in his attainments. To his abilities as a physician he adds those of author and preacher, and is also well versed in the realm of investigation as applied to research in the field of therapeutics. His genial presence will be missed by a host of intimate friends here. The old Dreamland theater has been dismantled and the premises are now being used for the storage of farm machinery and implements. Ashland playhouses are now reduced to two, the Vining and the Lyric. Visiting the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches in succession, Rev. C. A. Phipps, general secretary of the state Sunday school association, will be here on Sunday, April 18. Capt. Malone and Lieut. Blake, of the local First company, C. A. C., paid an official visit to Seventh company of Medford, on Wednesday evening, and inspected the workings of another session of the delinquency court, a tribunal which is bringing recalcitrant coast artillerymen to a realization of the duties which they obligated themselves to perform. The Ashland officers motored over to Medford in Lieut. Blake's car, taking their wives along with them. "When other lips and other tongues their tales of love shall tell," then will follow revelations in light opera incident to the staging of the "Bohemian Girl," by local high school talent, scheduled for April 29. This promises to be the leading amateur musical entertainment of the school year drawing to a close. Two more railroad men who make Ashland their headquarters have concluded to own their homes instead of renting. Charley Wynne locates on the Galbraith cement block house on Sherman street, and Walter Folk has come into possession of the Wimer place on B street. Mrs. W. E. Dean of Grants Pass, arrived Wednesday for a visit with numerous relatives in town and country among the Neil, Murphy and Tozer families. The biggest chain ever seen in these parts passed through here Monday, bound for the S. P. shops at Brooklyn, near Portland. It was over 1000 feet long. The links, two feet long, were made of iron three inches in diameter. Everybody thought it was an anchor chain for

one of the big warships, but it turned out to be one of the appliances used by the railway in its wrecking operations. Southern Pacific advertising matter as now carried in San Francisco papers, employs the superlative power of description in reference to the Rogue river valley in general at this particular season of the year, alluding to it, as the traveler comes down over the slopes of the Siskiyou, as "A panorama not soon to be forgotten." All of which is gospel truth as recorded in this exposition year of 1915.

Lyman D. McKee, late assistant postmaster here, now a resident of Michigan City, Ind., has transferred to Mrs. Sarah N. Strange of Portland, his fruit ranch west of town, formerly known as the Bill Willetts place. Consideration \$1500.

Mrs. Sue Day has been a visitor this week with the Anderson and Wheelless families at Hornbrook, previous to their departure for Virginia, where the former will visit for a time with her daughter, Mrs. Wheelless, in the vicinity of Richmond.

In connection with their work along publicity lines, the young ladies of the Auxiliary Civic Improvement club are making use of thousands of picture post cards. These views are specifically scenic and represent Ashland's assets in this particular to best advantage. The initial 1000 copies have just been supplied by Chester Stevenson.

Dan Applegate, Wells Fargo agent, has been on the sick list several days past.

Funeral services of Thornton Smith, of Talent, of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Smith, who died on the 12th inst., were held at the Methodist church here on Wednesday. Interment was in Hargadine cemetery. He was in his 23d year and was formerly a student of the local high school, being a young man of much promise.

Mrs. J. W. Aldrich, of Oakland, Cal., field secretary of missionary work in Pacific coast and intermediate states under Presbyterian auspices, was in Ashland, Thursday, investigating the status of the church movement in this locality, on her way to Grants Pass.

After delays incident to a little friendly rivalry, the Wednesday Afternoon club elected officers on the 14th inst. as follows: President, Mrs. H. W. Andrews; vice-president, Mrs. F. F. Whittle; treasurer, Mrs. J. K. Choate; secretary, Mrs. Caroline Schuerman. The elective session was held at Mrs. C. B. Lamkin's, Mrs. W. M. Poley and Mrs. E. H. Bush assisting the hostess in entertaining a large number of guests at what proved to be one of the most enjoyable reunions of the season. Mrs. Frank J. Shinn will be hostess at the next meeting of the club, residence in the Nob Hill district.

### BUTTE FALLS BUBBLES

J. P. Hughes made a business trip to Medford Tuesday.

Mr. Feaster and Capril Jones spent last week in Butte Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss came up Saturday to put in garden on their new property.

John Cadson, Will Hughes, George Richardson and Capril Jones went to Pelican Bay Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Cobleigh and her brother visited Mrs. Obenchain Tuesday.

The Christian Endeavor Society gave a program and debate Friday evening. The program consisted of Song—"Star Spangled Banner"—Society.

Instrumental Duet—Mrs. Watson. Recitation—Merrill Good. Encore.

Recitation—Mrs. Baker. Duet—Allene Mahoney and Merrill Good.

The question for discussion was: "Resolved, that the United States should intervene in Mexico." The affirmative speakers were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith and Etta Stewart. The negative, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Morris and Ray Parker. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

The Mothers' Club met at the chapel Wednesday.

N. B. Stoddard returned from Medford Tuesday.

Mr. Powers is building a house and furniture shop east of the planing mill.

E. Wheeler spent the week in Medford.

Frank Netherland is batching in the Claspill house at present.

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### RUSSIAN GOODS LOCKED OUT OF EUROPEAN TRADE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—The National Geographic society today gave out the following statement concerning international commerce in Europe and the bearing that the Bosphorus and the winter weather has on it: "The European war has remade the commerce of every trading nation in the world, but it has effected no greater changes anywhere than those which have taken place in Russia. When Turkey plunged into the struggle, Russia, like Germany, practically found herself without a port. But there was no neutral Holland or neutral Switzerland and Denmark across the great international trade routes of the Muscovite. Germany's ports are closed, as are Russia's, but it is still doing some selling to the outside world, because Danish, Dutch and Swiss centers find it profitable to handle its goods."

#### Locked Out of Europe

"Germany, Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman empire shut Russian goods completely out of Europe. Germany controls the Baltic sea and Turkey locks the Black sea at the Bosphorus. The thousands of tons of golden butter that formerly poured into Germany, France and Great Britain from Finland and from the wonderful butter provinces of Siberia, have ceased to flow. Thousands of tons of Russian beet sugar that sold into Persia and Turkey, reports announce, must be this year absorbed by the Russian markets on account of the war hazards of the Black sea. Likewise, the Persian and Levantine markets for Russian cloth have ceased."

"Hundreds of shiploads of Russian wheat, which formerly left Odessa for all the ports of Europe have now no outlet. Russian furs, of which enormous quantities were annually placed upon the world's greatest fur markets, London and Leipzig, reach the outside world now only in small lots through Siberia. The great petroleum stores of Baku cannot be shipped for sale to Russia's allies. And her other agricultural, mineral and forest products are war-bound."

#### Only Vladivostok Left

"There remains open for the foreign trade of Russia practically only Vladivostok, and the freight charges to and from this far port severely limit the amount of trans-Siberian business that can be profitably done. Some trade may flow through Roumania. However, none of Russia's great trade routes run this way, and facilities for the carrying out of a large import and export business here are lacking. With Bulgaria in the war this way will be sealed."

"Nevertheless, a port toward Europe will open for the Russians some weeks hence, and its opening may bear important results for the struggling Russians. This port is Archangel, a great harbor for ore and fishing vessels through its scant summer, whence innumerable smaller boats carry their cargoes around North Cape, down the Norwegian coast, to European markets. It is probable that with the opening of this port much of Russia's butter, poultry, grains, sugar and other agricultural products will be released to the friendly markets of Europe, and that much-needed manufactures will flow in this way."

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