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CLARKE DUSTED AS HIGHWAY ENGINEER BY NEW BOARD

SALEM, Ore., March 7.—W. D. Clarke, of Central Point, assistant highway engineer in charge of construction work on the Pacific highway in Jackson county was ousted by the new highway commission at its first meeting yesterday.

The commission agreed to pay the salaries of the present employees under the highway department from February 20, the day after the new law went into effect, down to today. The regular meeting time of the commission was fixed for the first Tuesday after the first Saturday in each month.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: In your editorial of the 2d inst. entitled "United by Patriotism," you make reference to a charge made in congress that a conspiracy to force this country into war with Germany is being perpetrated, and I presume you refer to the letter written by Mr. Carl E. Schmidt, of Detroit, Mich., to Hon. Chas. Elroy Townsend, United States senator from Michigan, and printed on the first and second page of the Congressional Record of the date of Feb. 21st, 1917, and I would suggest that you print this letter here referred to in its entirety in order to give your readers an opportunity of judging for themselves, what this conspiracy is.

You state that "no proof was offered," and in the correct meaning of the word, that may be true, but let us take into consideration the common trend of events, all converging toward a given point such as the exorbitant prices charged the present demand for war material, and the fidelity of the steel and munitions companies are at present expounding in perpetrating this graft.

The belief of a large majority of the people, almost amounting to a conviction that the press assistance through which the newspapers get most of their news is controlled more or less by the powers that are known to be in favor of military preparedness, and who would, with little or no hesitation plunge this nation into war.

The fact that J. P. Morgan & Co. are heavily interested in English and French securities. The fact that this supposed German-Mexican note was apparently withheld from congress until a critical moment; and other cases too numerous to mention and it would seem that there is good grounds for believing that such a conspiracy might exist.

You further state that "no newspaper is urging war with Germany," and that may be a fact, but can you say as much for the parties responsible for the news handed out to the newspapers? Yours very truly, W. L. WELCH.

Asbestos, Ore., March 6, 1917.

MERELY TRUE TO FORM

THE German reichstag has indorsed the action of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann in proposing a triple alliance between Mexico, Japan and Germany for the invasion and partition of the United States—presumably as being fully in accord with the ideals of German diplomacy.

Plots like that against the United States have been the foundation of German diplomacy since Bismarck Prussianized Germany and created the German empire. Bismarck's autobiography boasts with brutal frankness of the utter unscrupulousness, dishonesty and chicanery of his dealings with other nations.

Bismarck relates how he conspired to bring a war about with France, tells of his betrayal of France into a sense of false security through German diplomatic agents in France, his double dealing and treachery, and when the time was ripe, his forging of a telegram which made it appear that France had sent an insulting ultimatum to Germany, and the launching of the thoroughly prepared assault against unprepared and unoffending France, that crushed her and robbed her of Alsace and Lorraine and wrung an indemnity of a billion dollars from the prostrated nation.

The diplomacy of Germany has been the same ever since. When the emperor figured the time had come to strike an unprepared Europe to establish German supremacy, the present war was launched upon a flimsy pretext. The fundamentals of this diplomacy consists of theories that might make right, that the end justifies the means, and that there is no moral or legal obligation for honesty.

For years a multitude of German spies had been at work in neighbor nations, under the direction of the German embassies. Peace and disarmament propagandas were conducted and popular sentiment colored, internal discord fomented, the military and economic resources accurately mapped, while Germany, outwardly proclaiming peace, sharpened the sword to smite the world she had scientifically labored to render impotent to resist her blows.

The war began with the violation of Belgium. The German chancellor called the treaty a mere "scrap of paper." That is all treaties are to Germany—agreements binding to intended victims, to be torn up at will. Every rule of civilized warfare was speedily violated. A campaign of terrorism was inaugurated. The helpless, unoffending people of the devastated conquered territory were subject to unspeakable brutalities and atrocities, deported and enslaved. Poison gas was utilized, defenseless resorts bombarded, ocean liners torpedoed without warning from under the sea, while Zeppelins killed innocent women and children from the heavens. All is fair to the Prussian in peace or war.

What is there surprising about this plot against the United States? Haven't German agents dynamited American factories, brought about strikes in industrial enterprises, plotted amongst us the invasion of friendly nations, and conducted from the German embassy a nation-wide campaign to divide the nation on racial lines, poisoning the public mind, interfering in elections and manufacturing peace sentiment that would make the nation powerless when the time came for Germany to strike? And all this while Germany was sinking American ships, killing American citizens, blockading American shipping and denying America freedom of the seas.

In the proposed triple plot, proposed by Zimmermann and indorsed by the reichstag, to involve the United States in war with Japan and Mexico, Germany was simply acting true to form.

JURY OF WOMEN TO TRY TRACY

SEATTLE, Wash., March 7.—It is almost certain today that a majority of the members of the jury, which will try Thomas H. Tracy, accused of molesting Sheriff Jefferson Board at Everett, because he was a member of the "free speech" expedition from Seattle to Everett, November 5, last, would be women. There are 125 women and four men on the grand jury, and the judge has ordered that the jury be composed of twelve women and one man.

HOGS SELL AT \$15 PER HUNDRED WEIGHT

EAST ST. 100 IS, BL. March 7.—The highest price for hogs recorded in this country since the civil war was realized at the National stockyards here today when good, heavy hogs brought \$15 a hundred pounds.

GEORGE TO OUTLINE POSITION ON IRELAND

LONDON, March 7.—The prospect that Lloyd George would take part in today's debate in the house of commons on the Irish question and outline the government's position toward Ireland promised deep interest in the proceedings. The debate hinges on a resolution which will be moved by T. P. O'Connor on behalf of the nationalists. The resolution would be as follows: "That with a view to strengthening the hand of the allies in achieving the realization of equal rights for small nations and the principle of national self-determination, the government should, without the consent of the government, it is essential without further delay to confer upon Ireland the free institutions long promised to her."

PEOPLE OF IOWA PLAN REJECTING ITS SENATORS

DES MOINES, Ia., Mar. 7.—A resolution declaring that the Iowa general assembly recognized that the action of Senators Cummins and Keaton "by aiding in the filibuster" against the armed ship bill "held up the state of Iowa as an object for the scorn and contempt of the great number of the patriotic citizens of the United States" and repudiating their action as not representing the sentiment of the people of Iowa was introduced in the house of representatives today. Under the rules, the resolution cannot be called up for consideration until tomorrow.

HOW UNCLE SAM SECURED NOTE OF ZIMMERMANN, PROPOSING ALLIANCE AGAINST AMERICA

Note Was Not Among Bernstorff's Effects on Steamer—Came in Code to Bernstorff at Washington, Deciphered and Sent to Mexico by special Messenger.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—How did the state department come into possession of the Zimmermann note? That is a question which has aroused intense curiosity in all circles here. Of course the president is saying nothing. Even to the senate, in response to their resolution of inquiry, he declined to give any details further than to assure them that the note is known to be authentic. The details are withheld as information which it is not "compatible with the public interest" to give out.

There were in the beginning several guesses to the effect that the note was secured among the effects of Count von Bernstorff during the thorough search made of the steamship Frederick VIII, which has been held by the British at Halifax.

Search of Frederick VIII. Never was a search conducted like this one. Victoria records which might have had code correspondence on them were confiscated. Surplus pajamas were classed as cotton for explosive manufacturing material and were confiscated. Glycerine for the hands and complexion did not get by. Every pound of the ship's coal was moved and every crack and cranny of the ship has been subjected to the most minute inspection by the British secret service agents. Perhaps the tip came from this source, but according to my information, that is not where the Zimmermann letter was secured.

The message from the German office, I am told, came in code in the official mail to Count von Bernstorff

ITALY REORGANIZES WAR ON U-BOATS

ROME, March 7.—A decree has been promulgated re-organizing the system for the defense of ships against submarine attack and placing it in charge of an admiral. The new official will among other duties, undertake the arming of merchant ships and award money prizes to those which sink or disable hostile submarines.

TALENT TALK

Robert Purvis of Wagner creek was trading in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson of Anderson creek were Ashland visitors Monday.

Mrs. Dr. Webster of West Talent who has been on an extended trip in the east, having visited in Washington, D. C., New York, St. Louis, Chicago and other eastern cities, returned home last Monday.

Friends and neighbors are congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Smith on the birth of a ten-pound boy.

J. W. Bailey of Anderson creek was a business caller in town Saturday.

S. O. Powers of Wagner creek was in town Saturday. Frank Manners visited his mother at the Granite City hospital in Ashland Sunday.

Arthur Brown of Medford was a Talent business caller on Monday. The two children of Ed Lehman who have been ill with scarletina, we are glad to report are doing nicely.

We understand that Mr. Jeffries home has been placed under the red flag recently. H. H. Goddard of Wagner creek transacted business in town Monday. Frank Elliott of Anderson creek was a town caller on Monday. Edgar Adams and Edward Dikes were in town Monday.



ALFRED ZIMMERMANN

at the embassy. It was decoded and written into a clear message in the German script and entrusted to a special messenger to take to the German minister to Mexico, von Eckhardt, at Mexico City for presentation to Carranza.

Arrested by Secret Service. One of Bruce Bielaski's men picked up the special messenger at the Mexican border and took the document away from him. German messengers fomenting revolution are one of the things to which Mr. Bielaski gives especial attention. He has become quite adept at picking up Teutonic gentlemen on the border and he knew this one was coming and had no difficulty in halting him with the goods on his person.

Some time was required to get the document safely back from the border and have it presented with the necessary formal affidavits to the state department.

So the story goes. It is not an official story and is not vouched for by Bielaski who does not talk much about his business.

forty-six lambs. From these lambs and the wool he realized \$298.69. Is not this going some? Who can beat it?

The following story was brought to the attention of your correspondent: A child in the town of Talent was sent by his parents on an errand. About half way down town he was met by that worthy officer, the marshal, and kindly invited to stay off the street. A little further up town was a crowd of boys playing marbles; this group was in the main business part of town. The child referred to simply delivered his message and returned home. Your correspondent thinks that our worthy marshal should be congratulated for his strict attention to duty in the apparent welfare of our little town.

Hugh Elliott of Medford was in Talent on business Monday. A delightful surprise party was given at the home of Mrs. J. Patterson of North Talent in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Jacobs. The following were present: Mrs. Bristow, Mrs. Vander Sluis, Mrs. Burgran, Mrs. Sheppy, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Denham, Mrs. Trepell, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Galtbreth, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Brant, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. French, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Chauter, Mrs. Hensley, Miss Fern, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Fern, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Roberts, Miss French, Miss Garven, Miss Jacobs. At 4 o'clock a delicious lunch was served. The rest of the afternoon was spent in social conversation.

Elnor Powers of Wagner creek transacted business in town Tuesday. Mrs. H. R. King of Frederick was a town visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pellet of Ashland visited at Mrs. Walters of Talent Tuesday. Everett Beeson of Wagner creek was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Mark Kline of Wagner creek was a visitor at the Bowman home Sunday. Mrs. Marion Tryer and daughter Laura were callers at the home of Fred Brandt of North Talent.

Miss Lenzie Hanson of Jacksonville, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. George Galbraeth. Mrs. Frank Hellwill was taken suddenly ill Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Hart of Medford was called to the home of Loris Brown by the illness of little Betty. H. Summers of Wagner creek was a Talent visitor Tuesday.

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LANE'S FILIBUSTER AROUSES ANGER ALL OVER OREGON

PORTLAND, March 7.—From all parts of Oregon has come a storm of protest against the course of Harry Lane in opposing the president in the senate filibuster against armed neutrality. Indignant assertions of misrepresentation and demands for resignation echo throughout the state.

Democrats, republicans, progressives, citizens of all parties, women as well as men, angrily repudiated his act as sadly unpatriotic.

The members' council of the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday adopted resolution characterizing as "cowardly, pusillanimous and traitorous" the conduct of the 12 senators, including Harry Lane, of Oregon, by whose filibuster the armed neutrality bill was defeated.

To let Senator Lane know his conduct is not approved by his constituents, a copy of the resolution is to be sent him.

Another resolution indorsed the president and classed as "disloyal" the attitude of opposing senators. The Portland city council went on record as "unhesitatingly" condemning any filibuster that prevents a vote being taken on a question vital to the nation.

The Portland Ministerial association adopted a resolution pledging support to the president and expressing the hope that he "would have conferred on him the power necessary to the maintenance of American and human rights."

FLOUNCE ROCK FRILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton and daughter Juanita spent the day with Peelor and Blanchard-Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ditworth took supper there that day and spent the evening.

There was a party at Mr. and Mrs. Dawson's Tuesday night, given in farewell to Miss Whisenand and Paul Peyton. There was a fine sledding track and the guests had splendid evening until they wore the track out, after which they went to the house and played games until the midnight supper was served. Paul left the next day for northern California. Miss Whisenand left Saturday for her home in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ditsworth spent Wednesday and Thursday at R. B. Vincent's.

Mr. Carlton is spending a few days in the valley.

Dorothy Mansfield is much improved. She is now able to sit up and stand in the baby walker.

James Schaffer spent Thursday at Mr. Peelor's.

Some horses belonging to Mr. Lewis and Bert Higinbotham got out Saturday and strayed away. In jumping the irrigation ditch near Mr. Mansfield's a fine big horse of Mr. Lewis' fell in and got so chilled and weakened before he was found that after he was hauled out he was unable to stand and had to be shot.

Mrs. Carlton spent Sunday with Mrs. Mansfield.

Elwin Stearns has gone to Arizona to stay for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson and daughter and James Peyton spent Monday at Evergreen ranch. Carl Richardson transacted business in the valley last week. The W. M. B. met with Mrs. Goldie Stearns Saturday and gave a "show" of dainty and useful gifts to one of their number, Mrs. Gus Ditsworth. Mrs. Elmer Dawson was Mrs. Stearns' guest for the day, and also spent the night there. Miss Belva Walker spent Sunday at home. Mr. and Mrs. Mooney started home from Medford and got as far as

Trail, but they found the snow so deep they left their rig there and went back to the valley. J. H. Eskine took dinner with Peelor's and Blanchard's Saturday. Roy Vaughan is staying at Mr. Carlton's for a few days. Pearl Peyton spent Friday night at Mrs. Dawson's. Mr. Kelley killed two very large lynx cats last month. One weighed 32 pounds. Mr. Lewis returned from the valley recently, but had to leave his wagon at Perry Foster's on account of the snow.

HAVE ROSY CHEEKS AND FEEL FRESH AS A DAISY—TRY THIS! Says glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast washes out poisons.

To see the tinge of healthy bloom in your face, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, to wake up without a headache, backache, coated tongue or a nasty breath, to feel your best, day in and day out, just try inside-bathing every morning for one week. Before breakfast each day drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate acid in it as a lacrimous means of washing from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for broths, fast.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as soap and hot water cleanses, sweetens and freshens the skin, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the blood and internal organs. Those who are subject to constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, rheumatic twinges, also those whose skin is sallow and complexion pallid, are assured that one week of inside-bathing will have them both looking and feeling better in every way.

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OLD-TIME COLD CURE DRINK HOT TEA!

Get a small package of Hamburg Break Tea, as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Tee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teacup full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking up a cold. Try it the next time you suffer from a cold or the grip. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore safe and harmless.

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